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## Fitia says Fletcher lied

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REPORTER

**G**ov. Benigno R. Fitia said yesterday that Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting executive director Alan W. Fletcher gave "false and misleading information" to the Special Committee on Impeachment, but the panel chairman said Fletcher's statements were consistent with what the committee has been finding out and what other experts have been saying about the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement—that it's not in the best interest of CUC customers.

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Fitia



Fletcher

As of last night, there's no indication whether Fitia is considering asking Fletcher to turn in his resignation, like his predecessor Abe Malae.

"If he [Fletcher] gets fired, it's nothing but retaliation by the governor because

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## Freedom Air: No delay in release of lab specimens

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Contrary to allegations, Freedom Air released the laboratory specimens from the Tinian Health Center without delay last Wednesday, even without payment from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., according to its Saipan general manager Dennis Cruz.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* Thursday that the local carrier withheld releasing the laboratory specimens due to the nonpayment of the shipment.

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## Late US Army specialist goes home to hero's welcome

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"She served our country and she risked her life for us. We are proud of her," said Evalyn Lizama, 15, as she and a crowd of people held a candlelight vigil near the commuter terminal of

the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport from 11pm Thursday to 1:30am Friday to welcome the arrival of the remains of U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan.

Sablan passed away in her barracks room in Fort Hood, Texas on Sept. 20. Circumstances surrounding this inci-

dent are still under investigation. She was 23.

Lizama, a sophomore at Marianas High School, said that people gathered at the airport were there "for a reason—to welcome her home." She also wants to be in the military someday.  
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Family members, left, of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan watch as members of the U.S. Army drape her coffin with an American flag minutes after her remains arrived around 1am Friday at the Saipan International Airport.  
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

## Surge in ticket sales as Club 200 kicks off tonight

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The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter processed at least 200 tickets yesterday, a day before the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual

Club 200, the group's largest fundraising gala scheduled tonight at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

Executive director John Hirsh said yesterday that they anticipated the surge in ticket sales in the last few days leading

to the annual event which has the "Way Out West" theme this year.

"It's funny how people always wait until the last minute or until that paycheck comes out, but we're just really excited," he said.

Each Club 200 ticket costs \$100.

Besides the ticket sales growth, Hirsh also noted an increase in the number of volunteers this week to help out in processing tickets, help with decorations for the venue, and get the event ready for the community.

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# Local

## Registration ongoing for baby pageant

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Registration is still open for the Huggies Baby Pageant, one of the highlights for the "2012 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies Too!" event that will be hosted by Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc. on Oct. 20.

Marpac's Vynicia Seman said Thursday that many community members have already picked up application forms for the "very cute and fun event" but have yet to turn them in.

The Huggies Baby Pageant is open to all children who are still using diapers on a daily basis and can come up with a customized outfit or costume using Huggies brand diapers.

Participants wearing another diaper brand will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

All contestants will be judged based on originality, use of product, and style, and the winners will have a chance to take home great Huggies prizes, said Seman.

The pageant is part of the

upcoming fair to be held from 10am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Seman said eight vendors have already confirmed their participation in the event that aims to broaden health awareness and promote well-being within families.

They are the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities/Assistive Technology Program & Trankilu Loan Program; Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program; Green Meadow School and Daycare; SAEF dba

Kids Cove Learning Center; H.O.M.E. Visiting Program; Children's Developmental Assistance Center Early Intervention; Public Safety Highway Safety Office; and Hardt Eye Clinic.

Seman said that Hardt Eye Clinic will provide free vision and blood sugar screenings at the event while DPS will give away bibs, pencil and crayon case sets. There will also be live entertainment.

For more information, visit the Marpac office in Gualo Rai or email vseman@marpacspn.com.

## NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH

## SDA teaches kids how to care for their teeth



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dental hygienist Lori Serna teaches second and third graders at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque how to properly care for their teeth in a presentation on Oct. 2, 2012.

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In observance of National Dental Hygiene Month this October, the Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic has begun conducting oral health presentations in local schools to raise awareness about the importance of dental care.

Dental hygienist Lori Serna visited three classrooms of second and third graders at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque last Tuesday, sharing with 60 children 7 to 9 years old the importance of caring for teeth.

Serna said the students also learned how to brush and floss properly and were advised to eat healthy food and avoid those with high sugar content to protect their teeth.

"All the classes enjoyed the presentations as well as the free stickers and toothbrushes donated by the SDA Dental Clinic," she added.

Dental Hygiene Month observance focuses on increasing public awareness about the importance of preventive services to keep or maintain good oral health and hygiene. This year's theme is "Keep them healthy.

Keep them clean."

"Dental decay is a disease that is highly contagious and can lead to the premature loss of teeth as well as decrease the quality of your daily activities. If you have a toothache, you really can't function at your full capacity. You can't sleep, you can't eat, you can't concentrate at school or work. So during October, we want to bring the importance of prevention to the forefront," Serna explained.

SDA representatives will also visit later this month Sister Remedios School to talk to preschool and elementary students.

Besides school presentations, Serna said they will also get the message out to the public through newspaper articles and the billboard located at the Toyota Microl intersection.

During the monthlong celebration, SDA will be offering free dental exams and screenings to the community.

"They can come in and sit and talk to a dentist regarding any questions that they might have about their teeth," she said.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 234-6323.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Hidden Beach red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged Hidden Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from Hidden Beach had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

### Air Force, Marine Corps training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from Oct. 9-11 and Oct. 13 from 10am to 9:30pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)



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# 80 hours restored, legal holidays now paid—Fitial

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial issued a memorandum on Wednesday to clarify the restoration of paid legal holidays and 80 work hours every payroll for government employees in fiscal year 2013 that started on Oct. 1.

For the past two years, most employees were subjected to 64 work hours—and later to 72 work hours—per payroll as part

of the Fitial administration's austerity measures to cope with limited resources.

"It has been brought to my attention that there appears to be some confusion in regards to regular work hour and legal holidays for fiscal year 2013. So as to ensure that all government employees are made aware of, please be advised of the following: Government employees' work hours have now been restored to 80 hours per pay

period," Fitial said in his Oct. 3 memo, a copy of which was obtained Thursday.

The governor also said that "all legal holidays have now been restored to paid holidays."

"Employees no longer have to apply for annual leave to be compensated for holidays," he added.

Fitial said he and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos thank all government employees for their "patience during the period of austerity

and above all, for your continued commitment to delivering much needed services to the people of the Commonwealth."

House Commerce and Tourism Committee chair Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), in an interview Thursday, said full 80 work hours every pay period is always good news to government employees.

But he said the governor's budget message that says he may adjust government work

hours at some point in fiscal year 2013 begs the question, "Is [80 hours] realistic?"

Villagomez, however, said he's optimistic that the improved tourism arrivals, among other things, are among the "signs of good things ahead."

The governor signed the fiscal year 2013 budget law on the deadline date of Sept. 30, barely two days after the House and Senate passed the spending measure.

Despite his concerns about the \$114-million budget bill that the Legislature passed "on the 11th hour," the governor signed the bill into law to avert a government shutdown on Oct. 1. A shutdown would have forced over 1,500 government employees out of jobs for days until a new budget is in place. In 2010, a non-election year, the House and Senate were deadlocked on a budget bill that resulted in a partial shutdown for more than a week.

## FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

## Public Health gets \$10.5M federal aid

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The Division of Public Health has received \$10.5 million in federal grants for its prevention programs, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta Thursday.

This federal funding ensures that the division's mission of preventive health services will continue unabated despite the many challenges facing the corporation, Babauta said in a statement.

The total grant amount of \$10,511,210 will be divided among the six programs administered by the division.

"Every program within the corporation's Division of Public Health focuses on prevention, ensuring that members of our community do not get sick. Educating the community and providing early intervention while detecting diseases at the earliest stage possible will prevent hospital visits and save time and money, but most importantly, it will save lives. And saving lives is what we

do," Babauta said.

The bulk of the \$10.5-million grant will go to the Women, Infants, and Children program, which was awarded \$5.7 million this fiscal year.

The second highest award, \$1 million, went to the Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood H.O.M.E. Visiting Program, which provides home health services to high-risk populations.

Babauta said families who are unable to avail of the corporation's services due to distance, lack of transportation, or financial hardship now have an alternative in the H.O.M.E. (Healthy Outcome for Maternal and Early-childhood) Visiting Program, which provides immunizations, prenatal care, baby checkups, parent-child education, referrals, and transportation.

A total of \$442,796 goes to the Breast and Cervical Can-

cer Early Detection Program and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

Behavioral Health Services,

which includes substance abuse prevention, treatment, recovery, and mental health, was awarded \$647,150.

A subsection of Behavioral Health Services, Project Brabu, was granted \$974,674. Project Brabu seeks to reduce

underage drinking, reduce drinking and driving, prevent substance abuse, and promote behavioral health.

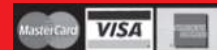
The Public Health/Hospital Preparedness Program received \$658,184 to protect the community from health threats

such as disease outbreaks, food-borne illnesses, pandemic influenza, and other manmade or natural disasters, while the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program and Early Hearing Detection Program was awarded \$387,400.

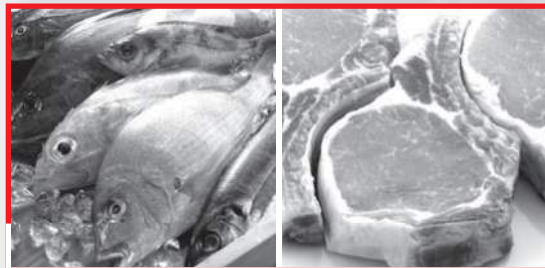


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# Marianas Agupa lines up candidates

*Marianas Agupa* will feature the following candidates from the Republican Party, Covenant Party, Independent Republican and Independent as follows:

- **Oct. 6, 2012:** All Independent Republicans candidates
- **Oct. 13, 2012:** GOP from Precinct

3, 4 and 5

■ **Oct. 20, 2012:** Covenant from Precinct 3, 4 and 5

■ **Oct. 27, 2012:** GOP candidate for Delegate Ignacia Demapan from 10am to 10:30am followed by Delegate Gregorio Sablan from 10:30am to 11:00am

■ **Nov. 3, 2012:** Senatorial candidates from Saipan.

The radio appearance of candidates on Rota and Tinian will be via phone patch through Thomas D. Mendiola for Rota and David M. Cing respectively.

The show is from 9am to 11am on

Magic 100.3 FM. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and those listening via Internet streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show—direct to studio at 234-5929 or use Marianas Agupa Facebook account via instant messaging.

The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: World

report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos, a special segment from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and from Tinian by correspondent and commentator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via [www.magic100radio.com](http://www.magic100radio.com) will be available. For more information, contact Glenn Manglona at 287-4536. **(PR)**

## SURGE

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Hirsh said they are hoping to have at least a thousand guests at tonight's event, although he pointed out that the numbers could go slightly down depending on factors such as weather.

He noted, too, that there have been previous Club 200 events that got rained on yet people still turned up and had a great time.

"Don't be scared of the rain. Come on out and put on your country western outfit and just enjoy the evening. It should be great," said Hirsh.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Club 200 promises

to provide great entertainment with performances from the Japanese country group G GAP, as well as exciting raffle prizes, including the grand prize of \$15,000.

Hirsh said that for this year, there will be 37 prize packages that are "bigger and better." The event will also feature the treasure chest promotion.

The promo will involve guests who buy the \$10 raffle ticket by giving the chance to be one of the 10 names that will be drawn and be allowed to pick a key that would open any of the three treasure chests containing prizes, he explained.

Hirsh thanked their three premier sponsors—Tan Siu Lin Foundation,

Delta Air Lines, and IT&E—as well as other donors whose in-kind donations help make the annual event a success.

"We're just very excited and thankful that the community, despite difficult times, is always willing to come out and fulfill our mission to help people who are in need here in NMI," added Hirsh.

## HERO

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just like the late Army specialist. But Lizama said she might join the U.S. Marine Corps instead.

Sablan, the eldest of five children, was supposed to turn 24 on Oct. 13, her family said.

Her aunt, Frances Mafnas, said Sablan served in Iraq in 2010.

Sablan's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon,

according to a statement from Fort Hood, Texas.

She entered active-duty service in October 2009 as an automated logistical specialist. She was assigned to the 565th Quartermasters Company, 553rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Hood, since February 2012.

Manny Mafnas, one of the uncles of the late Army specialist, said that when he heard about the news of his niece's passing, he thought about how his sister—the mother of Joselyn Tara—would cope.

Mafnas lives in Palau and Guam, and he came to Saipan for this death in the family. During the candlelight vigil, Mafnas held a Palauan flag, saying the late U.S. Army specialist has Palauan blood.

Angel Lizama, 17, said she's proud of the late U.S. Army specialist, her mother's first cousin.

"She's my aunt. I am so proud of her. She stood for us," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

The family and relatives started their candlelight vigil at 11pm Thursday.

The plane carrying the remains arrived around 12:45am Friday. The late

Army specialist's immediate family waited inside the Saipan International Airport's commuter terminal, while the rest of the crowd waited outside.

It was around 1:15am when the coffin was brought to the commuter terminal and to the waiting family members. Members of the U.S. Army draped her coffin with an American flag as part of the ritual before placing the coffin aboard a waiting hearse.

The hearse made its way out of the commuter terminal and drove past the crowd with lit candles and flags in hand.

Sablan's death brings to 18 the num-

ber of CNMI sons and daughters serving in the U.S. military that lost their lives since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

Another former U.S. Army specialist, Robert Jason Santos Deleon Guerrero, also passed away on Sept. 23 in Tennessee. Before he died, he donated seven of his organs to people needing them. His family said while he passed away, "seven others would have a second chance to live."

Deleon Guerrero will be buried on Monday, while Sablan, on Tuesday. Both will be buried at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

## LAB

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The Freedom Air official said yesterday that the corporation was supposed to pay upfront all shipment of specimens from Tinian because these are labeled "collect," which means payment upon receipt.

Cruz said this is not the first time the corporation failed to follow through on the expected upfront payment.

But understanding the financial condition of the corporation and the documentation process that needs to be

completed for the shipment, Cruz said he made the decision—as Freedom Air's Saipan manager—to go ahead and release them even without payment.

"This shipment came from Tinian and was sent to Saipan 'collect,' which means you need to pay upon receipt. But from my good heart, I took it upon myself to release it without payment and wait for the next day to give us the payment, which also didn't happen," said Cruz.

For Cruz, the health of the people of Tinian is the main reason why he always extends consideration to the cor-

poration, which remains deficient in its payments.

Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the issue about the Tinian laboratory specimen has been "addressed" after communicating with Cruz yesterday afternoon.

He said the corporation opened a "charge/purchase account" for Freedom Air specifically for lab specimens. Babauta also said that the shipment that was placed on hold was officially released yesterday after the airline agreed to a "payment plan" recommended by the corporation.

Cruz said, however, that "no new

payment plan" has been finalized and described the charge account as something that has already been open for quite some time.

Cruz refused to specify the amount owed by the corporation, including debts incurred by the former Department of Public Health.

Meantime, corporation Medical Supply Office director Nick Nekai confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that the shipment was received by MSO and is still in "good condition."

He said the hold up was the result of some "misunderstanding" between the Tinian Health Center and the cor-

poration.

Nekai said that MSO receives lab specimens from both Tinian and Rota centers on a daily basis. Because specimens usually last up to 24 hours, he said it's very important that they receive the shipment as soon as possible for immediate analysis and examination.

A laboratory specimen is a biological specimen gathered from a patient's tissue, fluids, or other material that is used for laboratory analysis to assist diagnosis or staging of a disease process. Common examples include throat swabs, sputum, urine, blood, surgical drain fluids, tissue biopsies, and others.

## FITIAL

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Mr. Fletcher didn't like to protect the governor," Special Committee on Impeachment chair Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Fitial issued yesterday a statement titled, "Fletcher tied up in web of lies," saying the substance of Fletcher's testimony is "a complete backpedaling" of what he actually advised the governor in July and August.

Deleon Guerrero said Fletcher was under oath when he testified before the Impeachment Committee. He said Fletcher knew that if he lies, he could go to jail for perjury.

"But what he was saying during the testimony was consistent with the committee's understanding of the contract. In other words, Mr. Fletcher is not lying. Everything he said under oath is justified," he said, adding that other experts have the same opinion about the PPA.

The governor and former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham signed the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement on Aug. 3. This 25-year, sole-source procurement is one of the subjects of a resolution impeaching the governor for corruption, neglect of duty, and felony.

Fletcher, in his testimony before the impeachment committee on Wednesday, claimed that the power purchase

agreement is not in the CNMI's best interest. Fitial quoted Fletcher as saying, "I do not believe the current PPA is in the consumers' best interest."

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), another member of the impeachment panel, said last night that the committee's intention is to get the "truth."

"We have Fletcher's point of view, and we have the governor's point of view. The governor is welcome to offer his opinion on what he feels is the truth just as Fletcher was able to offer his. As committee members, our job is to look at both sides and examine the facts," he said.

### 'Disappointed'

The governor said Fletcher sent him an email on Aug. 2, 2012, with an attached draft memo prepared by Fletcher himself.

He said that in that communication, Fletcher informed the governor that CUC had reviewed the final draft of the power purchase agreement and that CUC has offered technical and economic analysis during the negotiation.

"The goal of the agreement is to lower costs to consumers and to provide a new stable base-load power supply and to attract future economic development, such as the proposed ship repair facility," wrote Fletcher. "The proposed agreement to finance and build a new plant provides consumers a viable option for stabilizing power supplies with a new more reli-

able physical plant."

A separate review of the draft memo, dated Aug. 3, shows these two statements in separate paragraphs.

Fitial, in his statement, expressed his disappointment "that now Fletcher is making himself appear clueless and left out of the loop."

The governor noted that because Fletcher is the acting executive director of CUC, he turned to him to solicit his professional advice and opinion on the proposal from Saipan Development LLC.

"Finally, you requested my thoughts on the structure of the agreement," wrote Fletcher. "CUC has long operated without a board of directors and to overcome this complication, the governor has assumed these powers; this is supported by executive order. As a result, it is fitting that the governor would execute the document to ensure a durable agreement."

Fitial was quoting Fletcher's statement to the special committee that the agreement "is not specific" about guaranteeing a 10 percent or greater power efficiency compared to what CUC currently obtains.

However, Fitial pointed out this was not Fletcher's opinion in August.

In fact, he said, Fletcher stated in his memo to the governor that "the PPA is intended to produce power by 10 percent or greater efficiency, with the expressed goal of reducing the cost of electricity to consumers by a corresponding amount."

Fitial also disclosed that in a separate email from Fletcher, dated July 30, 2012, Fletcher confirmed that Economist.com performed a preliminary analysis on the proposed 50MW PPA.

Fletcher said, "Based on the known data, it appears that the cost of building and operating a new plant, would equal current expenses—in other words be cost neutral."

The governor's statement said Fletcher also reported to the governor that Robert Young, economist, also opined that if the medium speed (500 rpm), or low-speed engines were part of the deal, there could be savings in fuel costs, resulting in approximately 5 percent savings on fuel (LEAC).

### 'Pure politics'

As to why Fletcher would now provide a different testimony to the impeachment panel, this was what Fitial had to say: "It's pure politics."

"CUC does not support any development that would lower the costs of utilities because consequently, it will lower their revenues. I have been a strong advocate to lower the costs of power and water for our people. The least of my concerns is whether CUC would have enough revenues to support the pay scales of CUC employees, which appear to be much higher in comparison to central government employees," Fitial said.

Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero said he has to give credit to Fletcher.

"He knows that there will be retali-

ation for telling the truth but he also understands that he has a responsibility to CUC and the ratepayers to represent their best interest," he said.

### 'Who's lying?'

Former representative and lieutenant governor Diego Benavente said last night, "Who's lying?"

"One of them is lying. Some of us who know the governor for a long time, we know better. I also stated in my letter to the Impeachment Committee that if sole-source was needed, then there should have been justification by the requesting agency. If [Abe] Malae or Fletcher wanted sole-source justification, then the governor is correct. But what we know, there is no justification for sole-source," Benavente, also a former speaker, said.

Benavente said the governor can prove Fletcher is lying if the governor releases a signed justification for a sole-source power purchase agreement and contract.

He also said he won't be surprised if Fletcher is fired by the governor.

"I guess we have seen a lot of terminations already so we won't be surprised if Fletcher loses his job for telling the truth," he added.

On Wednesday, Fletcher also told the impeachment panel that a full economic analysis on the 25-year deal has not been conducted yet. A full economic analysis would help determine whether the PPA is in the best interest of the CNMI and its utility customers.

# TSL Foundation awards scholarship for 10 NMC students

In its ongoing efforts to promote higher education among CNMI students, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation has announced that it is providing scholarships to 10 students of the Northern Marianas College.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship program will provide \$1,000 per scholarship recipient that can be applied for the 2012-2013 school year (fall, spring or summer semesters).

The scholarships will be awarded to five full-time students pursuing an associate degree in Hospitality Management,

and five full-time students pursuing other degrees at NMC. In addition to hospitality management, the college offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and education.

"We are extremely grateful to the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for their generosity and continued support of the Northern Marianas College," said NMC president Sharon Y. Hart. "This scholarship program will help our students accomplish their educational goals and pursue rewarding careers in hospitality management

and other industries."

The Tan Holdings' foundation was formed in 2002 and was renamed after the company's founder and chairman, Dr. Tan Siu Lin. Through the years, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation has launched initiatives and built trusted partnerships with a diverse array of individuals, families, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government

agencies. The main mission of the organization is to better serve the regions in which they operate, making the communities a better place to live.

"Higher education doesn't only benefit the individual with the degree or experience; our community also benefits from having a greater number of skilled and knowledgeable individuals in our workforce," said

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan. "This scholarship program aims to provide more students with more opportunities to reach their goals."

The scholarships are based on merit and will be awarded to the recipient on the basis of the candidate's financial need, community involvement, academic background, and letters of recommendation. The essay

and interview will also play a key role in the final selection of scholarship recipients.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship is Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. Applications and additional information will be available for download at [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu), or by contacting the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526. (NMC)

## High Court adopt new rules on indigent representation

On Oct. 1, 2012, the Supreme Court ordered that *Title X Indigent Representation Rules* of the Northern Mariana Islands Supreme Court Rules shall become effective. The rules were developed by the NMI Judicial Council in consultation with the NMI Bar Association and the Superior Court.

The purpose of the new indigent representation rules is to establish procedures for the appointment and compensation of counsel for indigent persons with a constitutional or statutory right to court-appointed counsel in court proceedings. The rules provide the framework for determining under what circumstances a person is entitled to court-appointed and court-compensated counsel.

An indigent person "is a person who does not have sufficient assets, credit, or other means to provide for payment of an attorney."

One of the eligibility guidelines requires the review of the income of the defendant against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii. Using this standard, the head of a household of four earning less than \$33,137 would be an indigent person eligible for court appointed counsel.

The rules also address who

must answer the call to represent the indigent: "Every lawyer who is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth has an obligation to represent indigent persons as required by law or the Model Rules of Professional Conduct."

A judge or justice will issue an order notifying an attorney of his or her appointment as counsel. This appointment will be made from a roster of active licensed attorneys in the Commonwealth maintained by the Clerk of Court for the NMI Superior Court.

During the process of drafting and adopting the *Indigent Representation Rules*, the High Court reviewed the compensation level for appointed counsel, which had remained the same for nearly 14 years and was less than half of the fees for counsel appointed counsel in the NMI District Court of the United States and the Unified Courts of Guam. Although unable to match the compensation rates of Guam and the federal courts, the CNMI Judiciary did authorize a modest increase while establishing maximum levels of compensation based on the type of case.

The full text of Title X, Indigent Representation Rules and Judicial Council Resolution 2012-01, can be found on the NMI Judiciary's website. (NMI Judiciary)



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### EDITORIAL

## The 2008 candidate of hope and change? He skipped this debate

This was a debate for the green-eyeshade crowd. If you tuned in Wednesday night to see President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney offer inspiring visions for the future, you heard more numbers than you did paeans to America.

The bottom line on engagement with an American public not five weeks from Election Day: Romney was alert, energized and confident. Obama slumped his shoulders, smiled mostly to himself, and for some reason kept staring down. He was that guy at the meeting who's surreptitiously checking his email.

The exciting 2008 candidate of hope and change? Gone. Even the larger-than-life American eagle hanging behind the two candidates seemed perplexed.

This was, though, a serious exchange blessedly shy of rehearsed jabs—that gentlemanly, biceps-gripping handshake followed by the one-against-one collision this presidential race hadn't seen.

Romney moved fast to keep viewers from straying to ESPN. By 8:12 p.m. Chicago time, he already had evoked Vice President Joe Biden's gaffe of the week: Romney suggested that under Obama's policies, the middle class has been "buried." Not until 8:24 did Obama retort with his own one-liner—that the American economy was sound when his fellow Democrat Bill Clinton was president.

By then, though, the talk about federal tax rates was deeply in the weeds. Before the debate's economic segment had ended, we wondered if we had tuned into a reality program, "The Wonk and the Prof." The former, Romney, was agile and ready to rumble; the prof, by contrast, seemed wordy and defensive.

That projection from Obama makes some sense: For the first time in 16 years, a Democratic president had to defend a first term in the White House in a national debate. Romney was free to play offense, at one point reminding Obama that when the president agreed to extend the Bush tax cuts at the end of 2010, Obama said it would be unwise to raise taxes when the economy was struggling.

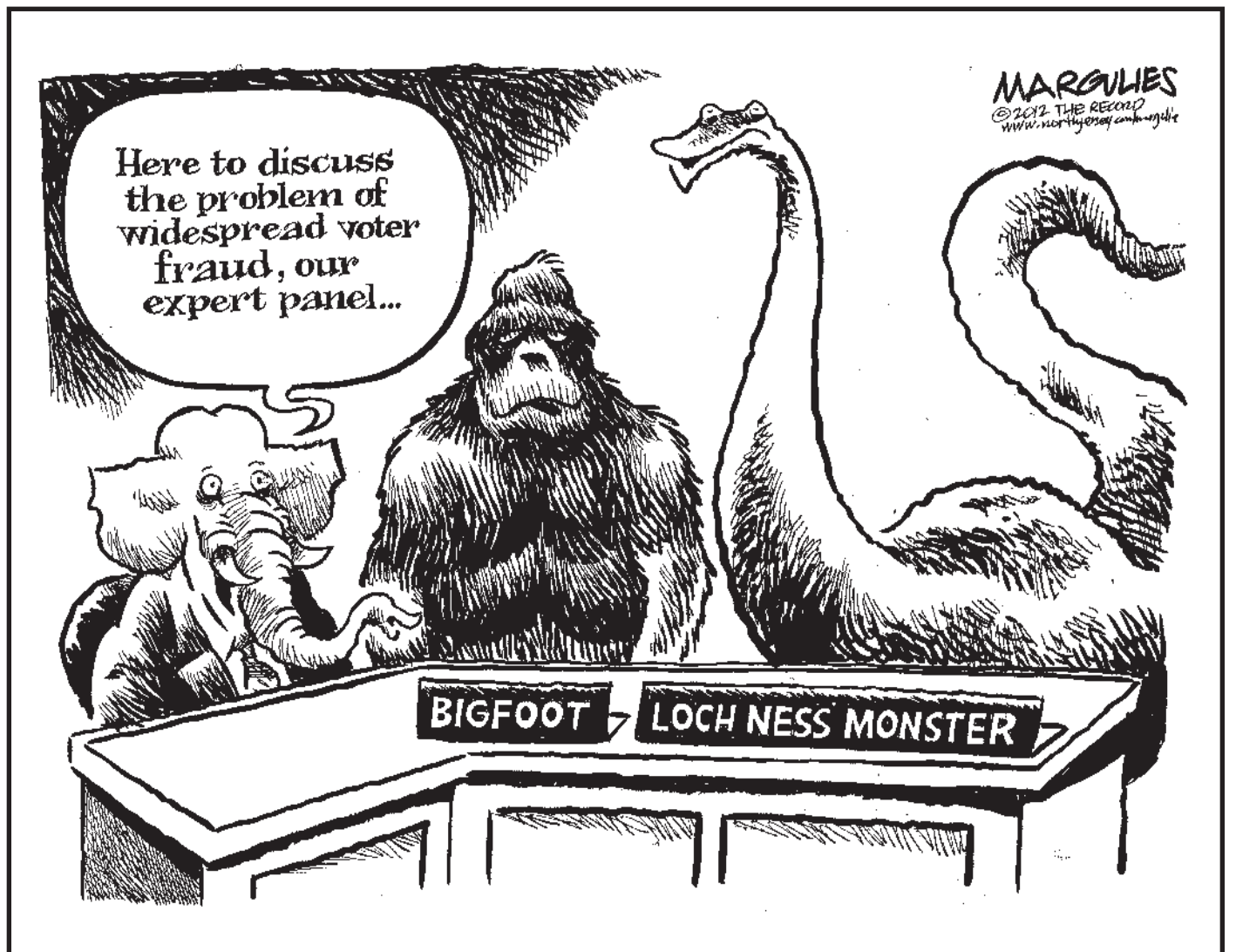
Obama nodded with evident pleasure when Romney said he wouldn't raise taxes going forward. The president clearly disagreed—and looked less enthused when Romney asserted that he instead wants to raise federal revenues by putting more Americans to work.

Throughout their economic discussion, the two men probed repeatedly at each other's perceived vulnerabilities: that Romney, a man of immense personal wealth, favors the rich. And that Obama, having pledged four years ago to halve the federal deficit, failed.

Romney spent the night clearly trying to execute a difficult game of Twister—trying to emphasize his personal likability while simultaneously dismantling the president's performance in the economic realm. He likely made some progress on both fronts.

We had expected Obama to spend a good share of Wednesday night working to re-energize the voter coalition that elected him in 2008. And with urgent reason: A Politico poll released Monday had Democratic intensity slipping slightly to 75 percent from 81 percent in the afterglow of the party's national conven-

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## Shi Yi (Ten One)

Oct. 1 is the formal day for China's National Week. That's when President Hu Jintao and company gathered around the tightly cordoned Tiananmen Square to lay flowers on the heroes' memorial commemorating those who gave their lives for the new Zhongguo dispensation. No longer focused on Mao's mausoleum, the techno-proletariats have taken over the rites of the nation. The services and departments, along with 56 appropriately attired ethnic groups, were in attendance.

Hu Jintao steps down after the Nov. 8 meeting of the CPC meeting when his Vice President, Xi Jin Ping, is expected to take over. Premier Wen Jiabao lined up third at Tiananmen. He is expected to step down in 2013.

The October National Week is one of two holidays when China literally is on the move. The mid-autumn festival preceded this week's festivities (aka, mooncake festival), when folks, like the lunar New Year week, were expected to hold family reunions. The floodgates of rail travel opened early with some students skipping class as rail ticket were at a premium and difficult to get. They traveled on the train schedule rather than the school's.

With China highlighting its cultural heritage as an active ingredient in its economic growth, it is promoting domestic tourism big time. Zhongguoren are urged as part of their patriotic duty to go out and spend their hoard of renminbi. They do. We ran into hordes of them in the grasslands of Inner Mongolia and forests of NW Heilongjiang this summer with folks coming all the way south from Guangdong and Yunnan.

By midday Oct. 2, a cultural site in Shandong stopped selling entry tickets because the resulting standing-room-only ambience was slowing foot traffic too much. Popular locations like the Imperial Palaces of Beijing and Shenyang (*Gugong*), and the Great Wall in Badaling had become a sea of faces led by a ubiquitous tour guide with a small flag on a pole, and the resultant cacophony of Zhongwen babel that made foreigners of one's own country mates!

Add the lunar Aug. 18 (Oct. 2 this year) annual event of the tidal wave spectacle that meets the currents from the West Lake of Hangzhou in Zhejiang (south of Shanghai) to the *Dong Hai*, East China Sea, while the screened coastal road lined 10-abreast with onlookers cheering the onslaught of the tidal drumming of the coastal dikes, and the holiday was really geared to a festive mood.

Public gatherings are a source of concern by authorities as political forces against the current one tend to exploit the occasion to foment discord and unrest, but other than the prevailing anti-Japanese sentiments fanned by groups who still consider the Nippon as the traditional *Wokou* (pirate bandits along East China Sea), the ordinary Chinese are just out to enjoy their new prosperity.

Of course, the new Chinese middle class is still a small portion of

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the population, (though proportionally larger than the new US 99/1 divide) but leveling the systemic inequity in asset distribution across yuanscape is a high target on the CPC's list.

While the nouveau riche has adopted the old world penchant for extravagance, there remains a conservative streak among consumers who rely on maintaining the *yin-yang* balance away from the urban frenzy, to be the wedgeblade of the faddish and the fashionable.

The department store near my school has a monthlong sale, up to 50 percent off previous published cost on last year's unsold inventory, so we picked up organizers for the kitchen and the closet. The promo, held in conjunction with the new fall line, brought out consumers easily lulled by the "sale" practices that seem to go on 365 days a year! Nevertheless, consumers walk out feeling that they had gotten the better end of the bargain.

Patriotic spending is on, at the store and out in the field, though we noticed that the rising obesity of the young gravitates around *Ken De Ji* (KFC), *Bi Sheng Ke* (Pizza Hut), and *Mai Dang Lao* (McDonald's). It also has its counterpart at the coffee counter of *Xing Ba Ke* (Starbucks), and God help us, *Bai Wei* (Budweiser) at the bar. The cola outsells Red Bull hands down. The frequency of Kobe Bryant's image in ads bespeaks of the Yuan trail rapidly heading out of the Bank of China into BoA!

Oct. 8 is America's memorial to Cristoforo Colombo's landing into uncharted land far west of Europe across the Atlantic. The U.S. had been heading West since, only to be halted in the Pacific, first in the Philippines, and later, in Korea and Vietnam. It was Portugal/Spain's world time when the Italian undertook on behalf of the Spanish monarch what was then a navigational novelty.

Oktoberfest celebrates the *brau* that flows freely in Munich, Bavaria, Germany late September to the first week of October, now duplicated in many parts of the world, including Harbin and Qingdao.

The first week of October is China's claim to its own sense of identity, and a celebration of its determined course into history. The determination is not always appreciated but the confluence of identity and history is defining its destiny. We lifted our cup this week. *Gan Bei!*

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# Climate-change denial getting harder to defend

It was a long hot summer.

The United States experienced the warmest July in its history, with more than 3,000 heat records broken across the country. Overall, the summer was the nation's third warmest on record and comes in a year that is turning out to be the hottest ever. High temperatures along with low precipitation generated drought conditions across 60 percent of the Lower 48 states, which affected 70 percent of the corn and soybean crop and rendered part of the Mississippi River non-navigable. Arctic Sea ice declined to a record low, and a surface thaw swept across 97 percent of the Greenland ice cap.

Though it's not possible to definitively link any of these individual events to human-caused climate change, the summer's extreme weather follows clear longer-term trends and is consistent with climate model projections. This was the 36th consecutive July and 329th consecutive month in which global temperatures have been above the 20th century average. In addition, seven of the 10 hottest summers recorded in the United States have occurred since 2000. Such rising temperatures and climate anomalies have been documented around the world.

But there's also one bit of good news: The increasingly powerful evidence of a long-term warming trend is making climate-change denial more difficult to defend. Take "Climategate"—the argu-

ment that scientists have based their evidence for global warming on fraudulent science. The Koch Foundation provided funding to physicist Richard Muller of UC Berkeley, a longtime climate-change skeptic, to disprove the widespread consensus on global warming. Instead, his re-analysis showed the exact same warming trend found by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other scientists.

Since completing his research last year, Muller has been vociferously speaking out on the reality of human-caused climate change, including in testimony before Congress. The publication this spring of an expanded weather station analysis by Britain's Hadley Centre further confirms the trend and suggests Northern Hemisphere surface warming was about 0.1 degree Celsius greater than previously thought. With Muller's and the Hadley Centre's re-analysis, the idea of Climategate has become virtually impossible to take seriously. The planet is warming.

But that hasn't silenced the climate-change deniers entirely; they've simply shifted their arguments. Increasingly, they are accepting evidence of recent warming, but they deny that it is largely caused by humans, attributing it instead to natural factors such as solar variability or the El Nino system. But these arguments don't fly any better than their original ones.

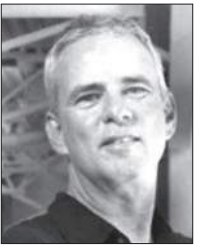
Research by Grant Foster of the United States and Stefan Rahmstorf of Germany has shown that recent variations in the solar cycle, volcanic activity and El Nino/La Nina events actually had a tempering effect on warming. Similarly, Markus Huber and Reto Knutti of the Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science in Zurich found by using simulation models that non-greenhouse gas factors could have accounted for only about 1 percent of the warming experienced since 1950. And this summer a team headed by Peter Gleckler of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory provided strong evidence that the recent warming of the ocean surface could be traced to human activities. The evidence is now overwhelming that by and large the warming we are seeing has an anthropogenic cause.

Another common theme of the skeptics recently is that even if anthropogenic climate change is real, projections overstate future warming. Writing in August in the Wall Street Journal, physicists Roger Cohen (a retired ExxonMobil executive), William Happer of Princeton and Richard Lindzen of MIT—all noted climate skeptics—asserted that greenhouse gases, though possibly having a

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warming effect, were "unlikely to increase global temperature more than about one degree Celsius."

That 1-degree Celsius, or 1.8-degree Fahrenheit, projection is based largely on a 2011 paper by Lindzen and contradicted by much other research. The Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5, for example, which represents about 20 climate modeling groups, has in 2012 generated more than 200 submissions and peer-reviewed publications testing and analyzing the newest climate models. The sum result of these improved models reaffirms the 2007 Intergovernmental Panel's projections of an increase in global temperature of 4 to 8 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100. It is important for scientists to further refine such projections, but it's clear that increasing greenhouse gases are likely to cause a significant rise in global temperatures.

Speaking recently on MSNBC, Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla., underscored what has fueled much of the skepticism aimed at climate science: "I thought it must be true," he said, "until I found out what it cost." It's true that mitigation and adaptation will be costly. But inaction could carry even higher costs. Economists Frank Ackerman and Elizabeth Stanton calculated that putting off adaptation and mitigation efforts could cost the United States 1.36 percent of its gross domestic product by 2025, and 1.84 percent by 2100.

The question is no longer whether the climate will change because of increased greenhouse gases. Now we have to ask what we can do about it, and how much we can afford to spend. It's crucial for scientists like me to provide dispassionate estimates of what the climate is doing now and will do in the future. But in the end, we won't be the ones making the decisions about how best to deal with the warming and its consequences. This will require a broad public conversation and a well-informed public.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Shovel for solutions

I am very much surprised that even the people who are in power—our leaders—are pointing fingers to blame. However, I wouldn't want to misuse my time wondering how the hopes of our people came this far down to believe we have no more possibilities for a better tomorrow. Before we seek a cause, we must all believe that we will come to the right conclusion. Therefore, before we can take the time to figure out facts, we must believe that our land will heal financially, emotionally, and physically in the end. Believe that there are a billion hidden possibilities we are soon to find, besides moaning and groaning about who did what and what went where. Instead of saying "chaos," let's say "peace." Instead of saying "We're too late..." let's say "We can..."

The solution to our economy should not be the impact to our hearts. Instead, it should be the hopes we have all gained from previous events. I guess blaming our leaders is easiest way to get the weight off our shoulders, but if we look very closely we still carry more weight at all times. After all, we the people hold more power than the leaders, regardless. We can make the leaders, help the leaders, and in addition, break the leaders. At any moment, we have every right to see what our leaders are up to, we have every right to demand for a better way. Yet, we sat back and relaxed, waiting for greater issues to occur. If there is anyone we should point fingers at, well, let's just say our leaders are not the first ones on the list.

Helping our leaders will make a difference 90 percent greater than complaining about our leaders. If we use up most of our time doing what seems to have no results at the moment, what time would we have left for our kids to gain hope for their future? I'm sure everyone is trying their best to help heal our land; however, let's help heal one another first. Let's trust in one another and let's all share the same shovel to dig for solutions.

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## DEBATE

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tion. Meanwhile, the share of Republicans describing themselves as "extremely likely to vote" stayed at about 80 percent.

But as the night wore on, it was Romney brimming with ideas and offering that he would rather work out specific solutions with Congress next year, not issue ultimatums to the legislative branch today. Obama talked more about the health care plan he signed into law than he did about initiatives he would advance in a second term.

Both of these men boast Ivy League degrees. And each has shown himself capable of tremendous personal achievement.

But on Wednesday night, one man behaved as if he wanted to use what he has learned in life to lift America from its torpor. The other man behaved as if he was still strolling across Harvard Yard.

# Why the US can't just leave Middle East

The wave of anti-American unrest that rolled over numerous Muslim countries in response to a YouTube video has settled down. But the question of what it means for the United States' foreign policy remains.

Hopes for the Arab Spring have soured, with the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood's rise to power in Egypt—and with the murder of American Ambassador Chris Stevens in Libya. Some, such as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, are saying that the best way to protect our national interest is simply to get out of the region. Our presence and our meddling, critics say, makes us a target for hostility.

But there are many reasons such a strategy wouldn't work—and wouldn't make us safer.

U.S. actions—including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the ongoing war on terror with its civilian casualties—have undoubtedly caused anger in the Muslim world. But the causes of this anger are ideological as well as humanitarian. There's comparatively little outrage over mass slaughter by local regimes (few outside Syria seem to care that as many as 30,000 people have been killed by the government since last year's uprising). U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan, which have reportedly killed between 500 and 800 civilians since 2004, have been blamed for anti-Americanism, yet during the same period, more than 14,000 Pakistani civilians and 4,500 army and police personnel have been killed by terrorists.

In a recent article in the American Political Science Review, scholars Lisa Blaydes of Stanford University and Drew Linzer of Emory University conclude that the strongest driving force behind anti-Americanism in Muslim countries is internal political conflict. The conflict is between proponents of secularism and modernization, and Islamists promoting religious and social authoritarianism. America, seen as a modernizing force, serves as a convenient outlet for the Islamists' anger.

Changes in U.S. foreign policy will not make this anger go away. In Yemen, one of the centers of the recent unrest, 46 percent of respondents in a 2011 survey regarded the impact of American military power as "very bad"—but 56 percent said the

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same of American cultural influence.

As a superpower in retreat, America might well become the target of more hostility due to perceived weakness. To complicate things further, Johnson believes that the United States should remain committed to our alliance with Israel and to a defense of Israel if it is attacked. He also leaves open the possibility of using military force abroad to stop genocide as part of our values.

In a world where America has a global economic and cultural presence, U.S. interests cannot remain unaffected by aggressive authoritarian regimes abroad—particularly when those regimes regard American influence as an intolerable intrusion. Should we remain passive if a foreign government seizes the properties of U.S. businesses? Or if American activists who run afoul of local laws by seeking to advance religious freedom, women's rights or gay rights are imprisoned or sentenced to death? Or if U.S. citizens are targeted for violence for making a movie deemed offensive by foreign clerics?

After Iraq, few can champion the dangerous arrogance of "nation-building" in faraway places with cultures very different from ours. But that doesn't mean we should avoid more limited, and more humble, actions to win friends and encourage social modernization in countries struggling to find their own path—including Libya, where the anti-American rebels are a minority. Given the mess that is the Middle East, any U.S. administration can hope, at best, to muddle through with minimal damage. But when there is no safe exit, muddling through is the best option.

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# The Weather

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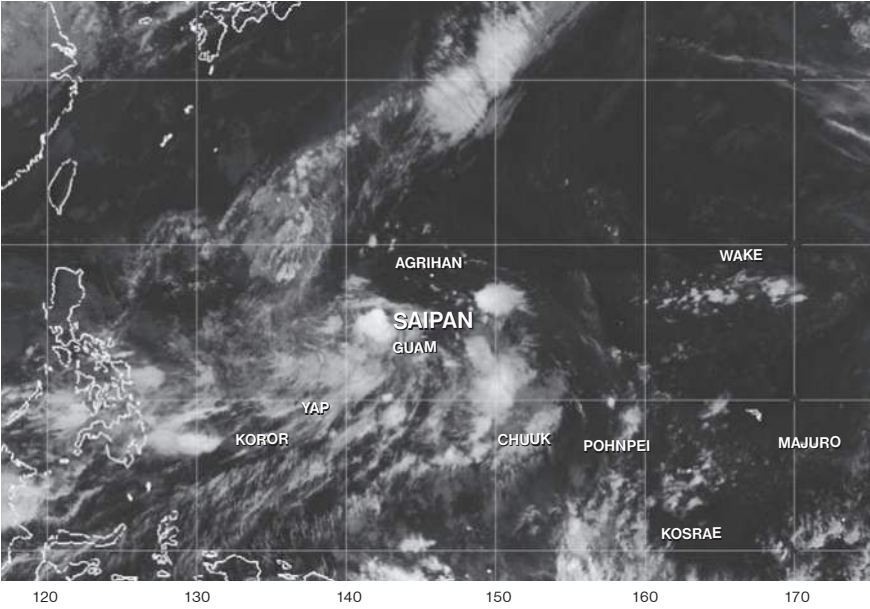
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough heads eastward from 13N130E through a circulation centered northwest of Guam at 15N143E to end at 13N153E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Yap, Koror, Guam and Chuuk within 350 miles of a line from 12N130E to 11N152E. A surface trough extends southward from 25N137E to a weak circulation centered southwest of Iwo To island near 18N142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring west of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 17N137E to 25N137E. Another surface trough angles southeastward from 11N159E to end at EQ170E. Scattered showers are present south of Pohnpei or south of a line from 2N154E to 5N160E.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
U2608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana				ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 102	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES			
CATHOLIC			
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm			
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm			
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273			
<b>Santa Soledad Mission Parish</b> Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568			
<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007			
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday			
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass			
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm			
<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991			
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass			
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143			
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131			
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday:			
PROTESTANT			
8:30am-12pm <b>Amen Church</b> Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net			
<b>Born Again Christian</b> (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm			
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27			
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm Telephone no. 235-8540			
<b>Church 360</b> Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building). Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116 Celebration Service: Sunday at 10:15am Prayer Fellowship: Wednesday at 6:00pm			
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org			
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions			
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680			
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)			
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm			
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church</b> (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am			
<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm			
<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm			
<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)			
<b>Living Hope Church of the Nazarene</b> Isa Drive, I-Denni Hill across from Ponderosa Heights Bible Studies for all ages: Sunday at 10:00 am Worship: Sunday at 11:00 am Pastor Dave Bucher, 256-1142			
<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm			
<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm			
<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd. Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661			
<b>Marianas Bible Fellowship Center</b> Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm			
<b>Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)</b> Sunday worship 8:30am			
Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566			
<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)			
<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm			
<b>Saipan Community Church</b> (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm			
<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm			
<b>First Baptist Church Koblerville</b> Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm			
Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm			
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2			
<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan</b> Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi			
Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism			
<b>Upper Room International Ministries</b> Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan			
<b>Victory Chapel Christian</b> Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S			
<b>Victorious Christian Church</b> (Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246			

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# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Oct. 6, 1999

**DLNR runs out of plant vouchers**  
The Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday said it has run out of plant vouchers with the deluge of requests for free vouchers for a plant of their choice. According to Public Information Officer Marianne C. Teregeyo, some 150 vouchers were issued this year and divided for distribution among DLNR, Division of Agriculture and the Division of Parks and Grounds. She said the vouchers were divided among the three offices for easy access and convenience to the general public. The three agencies were pleased with the overwhelming response of the public who were enthusiastic in receiving the free vouchers in exchange for a plant in participating island nurseries. Teregeyo said the vouchers were made available through a federal grant and distributed on a first-come-first- serve basis.

**PWC to conduct independent monitoring of SGMA**  
Comprehensive independent monitoring of 31 Saipan garment manufacturers by one of the world's premier professional services firms is set to begin next month under a new contract between the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association (SGMA) and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC). Internationally recognized for their work to improve business excellence, PWC will provide monitoring compliance for SGMA members with the "Standards for the Treatment of Workers and Working Conditions and Standards for Living" set forth in the SGMA Code of Conduct. Under a contract signed Sept. 27 by SGMA executive director Richard A. Pierce, the association will join other non-government organizations, such as advocacy groups, religious organizations and social service providers with PWC for a comprehensive external/independent monitoring program.

### Oct. 6, 2000

**CNMI lags behind in ADA compliance standards**  
Organizers lamented yesterday a low turn out to the Americans with Disabilities Act workshop on facility compliance, recording very little participation from business and government entities on an issue that also affects them. Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. Programs Coordinator Jim Rayphand expressed disappointment that business/establishment owners did not show up to increase their awareness on ADA-compliancy standards mandated of their agencies. "Every facility must comply with ADA and it should follow that people running the facility should know about it. I think if there were more lawsuits, there would be more people," said Mr. Rayphand.

**NMHC gets US nod for 20 mortgage insurance slots**  
In what could be a major push to the CNMI government's housing program, the Commonwealth Development Authority has successfully negotiated for at least 20 mortgage insurance slots with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 20 slots secured from the HUD represents a significant improvement in comparison to the initial implementation of the program in the Northern Marianas when only one home mortgage insurance was issued by a local bank. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation and the U.S. government's HUD for the mortgage insurance slots is expected to be formalized within the year.

### Oct. 6, 2002

**Veto seen in bill 'correcting' PL 13-1**  
The measure that intends to correct the flaws identified in Public Law 13-1 has a distinct possibility of running into a brick wall. Acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente said that, although he hasn't had the chance yet to discuss the matter with Gov. Juan N. Babauta, he believes that the Babauta administration remains opposed to the intent of the measure, which means that they may veto the bill. "I haven't had the chance to speak to the Governor about it but, in my discussion with the Legislature-both the House [of Representatives] and the Senate-I've informed them of our objection to the intent or position of House Bill 13-126 and I don't believe that that has changed. At this point, our position is that we may more than likely veto House Bill 13-126," said Benavente.

# Maharlika

## POEA adds more sites for OEC issuance

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The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration now has additional processing sites for the Overseas Employment Certificate besides its main office in Mandaluyong City, making it more convenient for Filipinos in the Northern Marianas who will soon lose the ease of obtaining their OEC's on Saipan due to the impending closure of the Philippine Consulate General.

In a recently released advisory, POEA stated that workers consid-

ered as *balik-manggagawa* can process their OEC from 10am to 6pm daily at the Global Pinoy Center on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of SM Manila "under a pilot test run."

Considered as *balik-manggagawa* are workers who are on vacation or on leave from employment under a valid and existing employment contract and returning to the same employer, regardless of changes in job site, to finish the remaining unexpired portion of the contract; who are rehired by the same employer after finishing a contract; and returning workers whose employment contract was not processed with the POEA but subsequently verified

and registered with the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and returning to the same employer as worker-on-leave or rehire.

Additional processing sites include the Duty Free Philippines in Paranaque City; POEA Regional Centers and Extension Units; and POLOs.

An OEC is a document required under POEA rules and regulations to ensure Filipino workers are properly documented, are eligible to receive government protection and benefits, and are exempted from travel tax and airport terminal fee.

It is presented at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport

before the worker is allowed to go back to his or her employment destination.

To obtain an OEC, Filipino workers are required to present a passport valid for six months from the time of departure; a valid working visa or work permit; and proof of employment such as Certificate of Employment, company ID, and payslip.

Majority of Filipino workers in the CNMI who want to go on vacation in the Philippines opt to process their OEC's on Saipan due to shorter lines and faster processing. With the consulate's impending shutdown after Oct. 31, however, these workers will have

to secure an OEC in Manila.

Julia F. Fabian, POLO officer-in-charge, welcomed the additional processing sites, which she said would facilitate the OEC processing for Filipino workers from the Commonwealth.

Fabian attributed the inconvenience in the OEC application process in Manila to the labor market restrictions imposed by POEA on the Northern Marianas in 2005, but stressed that measures already have been taken by former labor representatives to have the restrictions lifted.

She disclosed, however, that a Filipino worker from the CNMI who is now on vacation

had sought assistance from the POLO office on Saipan because the worker was not issued an OEC right away.

According to Fabian, the worker called them this week after failing to secure an OEC from POEA Tacloban office. Fabian was told that the worker had to wait for the signature of the POEA administrator before obtaining the needed document.

Fabian assured that they will coordinate with the POEA main office to ensure that the advisory is already in effect in all of the additional processing sites to prevent the situation encountered by the Tacloban native.

## RNV eyed as remittance venue for OWWA renewals

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The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration Saipan office has requested that RNV Foreign Exchange be authorized to act as a remittance processing center for OWWA membership renewals and sponsors of the *Tuloy-Aral* Program.

Welfare officer Julia F. Fabian said yesterday that the Saipan office made the recommendation to the OWWA main office in Manila since July in preparation for the closure of the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan after Oct. 31.

Both OWWA and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office are attached agencies of the consulate.

Fabian, also the officer-in-charge for POLO, said during the interview that she made the recommendation to allow OWWA members to renew their membership even after the consulate's closure.

RNV Foreign Exchange is primarily engaged in money remittance business and is a registered agent for the Philippine National Bank, according to its website.

"We want to promote continuity in membership for our OWWA members from the CNMI. There are those who have been members for years and we want to encourage that by having a place where these members, particularly those who do not or rarely go on vacation to the Philippines, can still make their payments," she said.

Filipino workers who have been petitioned for a Commonwealth-only status by their employers can become an OWWA member. A minimal \$25 membership contribution per year entitles the member to benefits that include insurance and health care, education and training, scholarship programs, family welfare assistance, repatriation, and reintegration program.

Fabian noted that membership becomes effective upon receipt

of payment, and its coverage applies even while the member is on vacation or loses his or her job within a one-year period from the date of payment.

With the impending closure of the consulate, Fabian noted an increase in the number of OWWA membership renewals last month. From only 200 in August, the figure went up to 347 in September.

She said they accept requests from Filipino workers employed by the same company to bring the OWWA membership and official receipt to them. This applies to companies with more than five Filipino employees.

"We try to accommodate these requests because there are those who cannot come to our office during office hours because of work," she explained.

Fabian also recommended RNV Foreign Exchange to be the remittance center for the sponsors of OWWA's *Tuloy-Alay* (or continuing education) Program.

## PH consul in Guam finalizes transfer of consular tasks

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REPORTER

Consul Edgar Tomas "Gary" Q. Auxilian of the Philippine Consulate General in Agana has been on island since Sunday, a little over two weeks after his first visit to the Northern Marianas, to finalize the transfer of consular responsibilities from Saipan to the Guam consulate.

In an interview yesterday, Auxilian said he has been signing documents, making requests, and meeting important contact persons in the CNMI who can help the Guam consulate as they take on their new role.

"We are right on schedule with the execution of the closure," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The consul's stay on Saipan is also in preparation for steering the Saipan consulate once Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig of Saipan leaves for his next assignment in Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia by Oct. 15.

Auxilian said he is also involved with the ongoing auction of Saipan consulate assets, some of which have to be endorsed to the Guam consulate for their continued use after Oct. 31.

Also, he is reviewing the concept paper that details how the consulate's computer training classes will be carried on by graduates of its skills upgrading and reintegration program. He plans to visit the new venue for the computer training this Sunday.

Auxilian noted that he plans to follow up with other groups that have expressed interest in carrying on some of the training and other programs established by the Saipan consulate for Filipino workers in the CNMI.

He and Saipan Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig are also coordinating with the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila on how to deal with

passports that will be issued after the shutdown of the Saipan consulate.

The Saipan consulate will continue to accept passport renewal applications until its last day on Oct. 31.

It takes about four to six weeks before passport renewal applications are processed. This means that applications submitted within the month would arrive after the Saipan consulate's closure.

For these passport applicants, consular staff and officials who will remain behind for two weeks to a month after the shutdown can distribute the passports at a designated time.

Beyond the closure, it will be the Guam consulate that will issue the new passports by requiring the passport owners to send their old passport and a pre-paid self-addressed envelope to the Guam consulate before the new passport is mailed, they said.



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#### Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Car Rental Concessions CPA-RFP-011-12

#### Request for Proposals

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of Six (6) Rental Car Concessions at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and received by the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) on **November 16, 2012**, by or **before 4:30 p.m.**, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on **November 19, 2012**, at 2:00 p.m., at the CPA Conference Room.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject proposals in accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO  
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#### Tinian International Airport Car Rental Concessions CPA-RFP-012-12

#### Request for Proposals

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#### Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport Car Rental Concessions CPA-RFP-013-12

#### Request for Proposals

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of three (3) Rental Car Concessions at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

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# Gloria Arroyo arrested anew

By **OLIVER TEVES**  
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**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Police arrested former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Thursday and temporarily detained her in a hospital on corruption charges, in her third indictment and second detention since stepping down two years ago.

The Philippine anti-graft court ordered her arrest for allegedly misusing \$8.8 million in state lottery funds during her last years in office. The court earlier denied a motion by Arroyo’s lawyer questioning the basis of the charges in a bid to block the arrest order.

Police served the arrest warrant on Arroyo, who is suffering from a neck ailment, at government-run Veterans Memorial Medical Center, where she was earlier admitted for dehydration, Senior Supt. Joel Coronel said.

He said Arroyo was cooperative with the arresting officers.

“When we arrived at the hospital she was lying on the bed with an IV attached to her,” Coronel said.

He said Arroyo would remain in the hospital overnight and police will await a court order on whether she should remain detained at the hospital, in a regular jail or in another government facility.

The former president was detained for about eight months in the same hospital in a separate case involving alleged election rigging before she posted bail in

July. She has also posted bail in another case related to a botched overpriced deal with a Chinese telecommunications company. Both cases are ongoing.

Arroyo has accused her successor, Benigno Aquino III, of pursuing a political vendetta against her. Aquino has accused Arroyo of graft during her nine years in office and promised to rid the Philippines of corrup-

tion. His ratings remain high, and the cases against Arroyo and her inner circle have served to highlight his administration’s determination to restore public and investor confidence in government.

Officials have denied Arroyo’s request to seek medical treatment abroad, saying she might not return.

The charges against Arroyo in the most recent case allege that money was diverted from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office’s intelligence fund for her personal gain from 2008 until Arroyo stepped down in 2010.

Nine others, mostly former senior officials of the lottery agency, have also been accused and are facing arrest. Several have informed police they will surrender, Coronel said. The charges against them and Arroyo are punishable by life imprisonment and no bail is allowed.

During oral arguments earlier Thursday, the court agreed to take a second look at a defense motion seeking a reconsideration of the charges against Arroyo. Hours later, it denied the motion, clearing the way for her arrest.

## Media groups, Filipinos protest cyber law

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Media groups and Filipinos stepped up calls for repealing a tough new law that targets cybercrime but activists fear will be used to suppress online freedoms in the Southeast Asian nation.

The Cybercrime Prevention Act took effect Wednesday despite last-minute petitions to the Supreme Court to stop it. The justices said they will take up the issue next week.

The law is envisioned as a measure against hacking, identity theft, spamming, cybersex and online child pornography. But citizens and groups who protested on social networking sites, blogs and out in the streets fear politicians will use it to silence critics.

The law contains a provision that says libel—which is already punishable by up to six years in prison—is also a cybercrime. It doubles cumulative penalties for online offenses and allows government agencies to search, seize and destroy computer data deemed libelous.

Human rights and media groups have unsuccessfully campaigned for years to downgrade libel from a criminal to a civil offense, saying politicians

often use the law to harass journalists and other critics.

Former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo’s husband sued 46 investigative journalists and publishers in more than 50 libel cases from 2003 to 2007 but later dropped them in a “gesture of peace.”

The journalists wrote stories alleging Jose Miguel “Mike” Arroyo was corrupt, which he denied. He is now facing two corruption cases linked to an overpriced government deal and the sale of secondhand helicopters to police.

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines said that the new law’s criminal libel provision “and the insidious way it was inserted during the bicameral deliberation—with-out benefit of public consultation—are direct strikes at the rights to free expression and press freedom.”

Journalist Alexander Adonis, one of seven petitioners against the law who himself was jailed on libel charges from 2007 to 2009, argued that the law is unconstitutional and its provisions “so vague, so overbroad that these can be applied arbitrarily on all users of social media.”



### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position: Senior Vice President/General Manager (1)**

Qualification: must have 10 years experience managing full service 36 hole golf course, experience in developing and marketing and coordinating marketing strategies, knowledge of business management practices of golf course operation and hotel operation, assignment and projects for the golf course, maintain and grow membership and customer by promptly handling member and guest concerns and issues, ensure open communication and high visibility to members and quest by conducting daily walk through of the club, generate revenue by acting as sales manager for the entire golf club and resort, expand sales by initiating and monitoring effectiveness of monthly promotions, demand managements and demand creation strategies.

**Position: Cook Korean Cuisine (1)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years in the preparation of Korean food, will be involved in Korean menu development, inventory, ordering/purchasing, food cost control, training, personnel management such as coaching, complies to all applicable Sanitation Codes, ensure efficient, safe and sanitary food production, preparation, presentation and knowledgeable of Korean food trends with focus on quality, experience in large catering or banquet functions, excellent communication skills in Korean and basic English to understand and follow recipe, able to communicate on all levels, including management, departmental and customer.

**Position: Chef de Partie (1)**

Qualifications: 7 Years of cooking experience and training, responsible for the creation of high quality dishes, able to work independently, cooks consistently and enthusiastically on a high level, helps create and cook to perfection seasonal and including a five course modern gourmet menu, small selection of signature a la carte dishes, cooks and prepares for each meal service, controls incoming goods and stores food, vegetables, fruits, staple in a perfect conditions, guest orientated and able to converse with the clients, actively attends wine and general trainings, team building events and supplier visits to learn about local product, has fun cooking, is a sociable person, likes to work as a teamwork, and respects and actively works with colleagues.

**Position: Cook (7)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years of experience and training, prepares or directs preparation of foods according to prescribed menus and recipes, takes inventory of supplies on hand and orders food supplies, ingredients and other consumables on a schedules basis as determined by menu and estimated number of customers, cleans and sanitizes all food preparation equipment and ensures that it is kept in safe and operable condition, knowledge of methods, materials, and practices of volume food preparation, sanitary methods used in food preparation.

**Position: Assistant Manager, Food & Beverage Department (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of working experience and training, Must have supervisory experienced and training preferably in hotel and resort facilities, have experienced for all food and beverage services including banquet catering, bar/grill, dining restaurant, and outside beverage carts, must have cost control of all food and beverage outlets by helping in overseeing the purchasing of food, maintains effective inventory and shortage controls, work with the Executive Chef to develop an annual food and beverage plan and budget, ensure successful operation of special events, banquets, rentals, coordinates the delivery for all food and beverage service to the customer at the highest guest standard, supervise staff and operational during shift, ensure all of the services provided are immediate need of the customer, maintain and develop a dedicated team providing the highest quality of service and addresses all staffing issues in a fair and timely manner.

**Position: Kitchen Helper (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of working experience, must be familiar with the dynamics of a professional kitchen is a plus, willingness to learn, time and space management skills, physical stamina, a friendly temperament, a desire to help out where needed and the ability to foster the creation and maintenance of a cohesive team, assist cooks, keep kitchen clean, perform a variety of food preparation task, assist with food and beverage service, receive and store supplies, sweeps and mops floors, segregates and removes trash and garbage and places, hoses out garbage container, washes pots, pans, trays by hand, scrapes food from dirty dishes and washes them by hand or place them in racks.

**Position: Assistant Manager, Front Office (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 2 years of experienced and training in the field of hotel and golf resort operation, must be organized, neat and professional appearance, pleasant, tactful and patient, able to communicate well with a wide variety of people, committed to providing good service, enjoyed dealing with people, ability to direct and control the activities of the Front Office, Reservations, deal with customer complaints, knowledge of a second language is a plus (write, read, and speak)computer literate with knowledge of a variety of computer software applications, and superior written and oral communications skills, ability to respond properly and take a supervisory role in any hotel emergency or safety situation.

**Position: Korea Sales & Marketing (1)**

Qualification: 3 years of experienced and training, must have worked in a hotel or tourism industry, communicate directly with guests, both in person and by telephone, provides information on facilities to Korean speaking guest at the golf & resort, provide information and services in Korean, must be able to offer the Korean guest in any number of special circumstances, good communication skills in Korean language is vitally important, provides all the information that the guest needs to enjoy their stay, good problem solving skills, good organizational skills, must be trained and experienced in tourism or hospitality managements, excellent customer service skills.

**Position: Supervisor, Japan Sales & Marketing (2)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experienced and training in marketing strategy for the Japanese market, must be fluent in the Japanese language as well as to read and write, experienced contacting and selling to Corporate level executives, experienced in Sales and Marketing most especially in the Japan markets, built and managed a network of marketing and selling Hotel and Golf product and services, possess innovative business promotional and advertising activities, strong negotiating skills, knowledgeable of the Japanese customers needs, have strong demonstrations skills, must work with management team to create sales and marketing plans that includes to identify and target Japan Markets, identify potential Japanese clients.

**Position: Supervisor Pro Shop (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of supervisory experienced and training, able to lead, direct and motivate the sales team in order to achieve sales objectives, identifies appropriate business targets, provides a professional and excellent level of customer service with existing and new customers, supervises scheduled shift, completes all assigned duties, supervises sales associates, ensure that all employees adhere to company policies and procedures, knowledge of principles, techniques, and objectives of marketing, manages a sales program, knowledge of hotel management and philosophy.

**Position: Sales Representative, Pro shop (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of training and experienced in the field of golf operation, must maintain outstanding customer service, generating sales, merchandising, must be fully competent in selling, knowledgeable of cashiering and receipt processing, knows how to operate a computerized point of sale cash receipts, inventory management system, ensure that each customer receives, ability to work varied hours/days, including nights, weekends and holidays as needed, must recognize security risks and thefts and know how to handle or prevent such situations.

**Position: Front Desk Supervisor (1)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years of hospitality work, must have total understanding of all hotel front office procedures, know standard of cash handling, knowledge of computerized cash register systems, reservation system, must have experience in dealing directly with the public and acquired general knowledge of basic customer service skills, experienced and trained in the field of Front Office Operation, assist the Front Office Staff in handling customers in an efficient, gracious and professional manner and maintains a friendly, cheerful and courteous demeanor at all times.

**Position: Front Desk Clerk, China/Korea Market (1)**

Qualifications: Assist the front desk clerks in handling Korean and Chinese guests in an efficient, gracious and professional manger, responsible for the management, organization of the Front Office and related functions pertaining to the Korean and Chinese guests, respond and display a high degree of professionalism and integrity as well to a wide variety of people, enjoys dealing with people, computer literate with knowledge of a variety of computer software applications and superior Korean/Chinese written, and oral communication skills.

**Position: Executive Housekeeping (1)**

Qualifications: 7 years experience and training is required, must have worked preferably at a hotel, responsible for the smooth, efficient, cost effective operation of the Housekeeping Department, inventory control, works closely with Front Desk Assistant Manager to resolve all room discrepancies, possesses good knowledge of all matters relating to the proper administration of the Housekeeping department, provides employee safety training to prevent accidents, maintains quality standards through inspection programs, follows and ensures compliance to all hotel control procedures by staff.

**Position: Housekeeping (3)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of experience and training cleaning hotel rooms, ensure clean, orderly attractive rooms in hotels, and must have training cleaning golf facilities, prepare a list of prospective check-outs, investigates complaints regarding housekeeping service and equipment, takes corrective action, operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials, conducts inventories to ensure adequate supplies, observe precautions required to protect hotel guests' property, and report theft or found articles to supervisors.

**Position: Accountant (1)**

Qualifications: 5 years work experience and knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and budgetary principles, considerate knowledge of computers and their application in financial and accounting system, ability to prepare clear financial statement, establish tables of accounts and assign entries to proper accounts, use professional judgment, ability to plan, organize and meet rigid schedules and demanding timelines and seasonal workloads.

**Position: Information Technology Technician (1)**

Qualification: Must have 5 years of experienced and training and a college graduate in Computer science, responsible for installing, maintaining computer hardware, software, networks, have proficient knowledge in computer hardware and software systems and programs, computer networks, network administration and network installations, computer troubleshooting, team building skills, analytical and problem solving skills, decision making skills, effective verbal, presentation and listening communication skills, effective written communication skills, computer skills including the ability to operate graphics and website development programs at a highly proficient level, good time manage.

**Position: Information Technology Assistant (1)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of experience and training and must be a college graduate of computer applications and operating systems, PC hardware and trouble shooting, repair procedures, principles and practices of computer and telephone support services, computer hardware and software applications, familiar with information technology policies and procedures, computer operations processing and procedures, communicate clearly and easily with user and vendors of varying levels of technical expertise.

**Position: Project Engineer/Facility Maintenance Manager (1)**

Qualifications: 10 years of experienced and training, college graduate, is responsible to ensure that all LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort facilities are maintained in the highest of standards in their operation, assists in implementation and coordination of maintenance, repair, renovations of Company owned and leased facilities, monitors contractors compliance to standards for various Company buildings, conducts initial review and evaluates bids for compliance with specifications, report building maintenance needs, respond appropriately to emergencies or urgent issues as they arise, manage and supervise and coordinates the work of the staff and the work of contractors, communicate clearly and concisely, maintain adequate inventory, preventive maintenance and repairs of equipment.

**Position: Supervisor, Electrician (1)**

Qualifications: Have 7 years of training and experienced, and a college graduate, must have electrical trade qualifications, complies and adheres to the Occupational Safety and Health and Standards and practices, excellent communication and team building skills, must have computer systems skills, perform electrical work as required within their capabilities, maintaining a high standard of workmanship and abide by local statutes, performs skilled electrical installations, undertake modifications to plan & equipment repair electronic components of electrical equipment as required for continued operation, attend to production machinery breakdowns as required.

**Position: Mechanic Engineer (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of training and experienced, must have graduate degree, is responsible for all mechanical installations maintenance programs, stress analysis, piping, process plants layout and mechanical building services, responsible in power plant engines and generations, evaluates equipment performance and operating conditions, proficient in the planning and control of work in a multi project, deadline driven environment, deep and thorough understanding of applicable regulatory requirements and industry practices, assumes accountability for the quality of mechanical engineering work.

**Position: HVAC Technician (1)**

Qualifications: 7 years of experience and training, must have specialized knowledge to analyze and solve complex problems, continuous concentrated mental and visual effort to plan and perform complex work, strong physical exertion, responsibility for cost control, sustained high degree of attention required to prevent damage or waste, repair replace needs necessary to maintain equipment and systems, install heating, air conditioning, refrigeration systems and related equipment for the propose of providing comfort inside facilities, maintains tools.

**Position: Building Maintenance (2)**

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of working experience and training, must have standard maintenance skills and the ability to apply that knowledge safely in a structured environment, skill in operating maintenance and carpentry tools and equipments, activities and decisions, requires independent actions, judgment in solving common problems, must have tolerance for exposure to unpleasant elements, be able to positively interact with fellow workers, maintains and repairs a variety of building facilities and provides service for common mechanical, electrical, and building system devices.

**Position: Assistant Manager, Recreation Facility Attendant (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of experience and training in golf industry, Must be able to communicate and supervise facility attendant employees, inspect golf equipment, structures, or materials, work with the public, assist others, monitor events, coordinates the work and activities of others, develop and build teamwork, knowledge of a second language is a plus, knowledge of the golf sport and rules is a must, generally work a flex schedule, often deal with unpleasant, angry or discourteous customers, work in a group or as part of a team, provide directions to customers, make sure that the customers follow golf etiquette and rules.

**Position: Supervisor, Recreation Facility Attendant (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 5 years experienced and training and working in a golf industry, must keep things running smoothly, provide information about and the services the Company provides, keep equipment in working order, explain how to use equipment safely, provide information about rules, record details of attendance, reservations, make sure that people follow rules, communicate and supervise facility attendant employees, must be pleasant, neat in appearance, must be punctual and reliable, ability to work well with the public is very important, knowledge of the golf sport, responsible for work outcomes and results of other attendants.

**Position: Supervisor, Greens keeper (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 7 years of training and experienced, must have worked preferably at a hotel and golf industry, establishes and maintain and repair programs for the golf course and the hotel, evaluates and determines the need for and scope of emergency repairs and supervises staff and contractors in performing work, establishes procedures governing employee and customer's safety, perform grounds maintenance, perform preventive maintenance to the equipment, applies insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers maintains and operate irrigation system, experienced and knowledgeable in tractor operation and mowing.

**Position: Greens keeper (14)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience and training, must have working knowledge at a golf course, knowledge of methods and materials used in grounds and landscaped area knowledge of and ability to use hand and power tools and equipment, ability to operate trucks, light motorized equipment, physical strength, stamina and agility, assists in the construction of new greens, tees, and fairways, lays sod, and seeds tees, greens and fairways.

**Position: Nursery Workers (3)**

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience and training, must have working knowledge at a golf course, performs routine maintenance on equipment, move containerized shrubs, plants, greens, using wheelbarrows, carts, shovel or tractors, maintain grounds and landscaping, haul and spread topsoil, fertilizer, peat moss and other materials to condition soil, requires to be reliable, responsible, and dependable, pleasant to work with, displays good natured and cooperative attitude.

**Position: Fabricator & Assembler (1)**

Qualifications: Must have 10 years of training and experience, must be able to fabricates, assembles, installs, and repairs sheet metal products and equipment on the basis of knowledge of system operation, may work with aluminum, galvanized steel, stainless steel, or other sheet metal stock, frequent to constant standing, walking throughout shift on all types of surfaces, maintains a safe work environment must be able to plan, organize, must be able to read and understand technical information, manuals, material safety data sheets, work order.

**Position: Heavy Equipment Machinist (1)**

Qualifications: must have 5 years of training and experience, performs skilled tasks in the mechanical repair and maintenance of heavy trucks, earth moving, and related construction equipment including road graders, knowledge of hazards and safety precautions of the trade, operation and maintenance requirements of heavy duty construction equipment, work cooperatively with other employees, work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others, performs incidental welding operations on equipment.

**Position: Golf Cart Mechanic (2)**

Qualification: high school diploma, 3 years technical training or experienced in mechanical, dismantle engines, using hand tools and examine parts for defects, test and inspect engines to determine malfunctions, to locate missing and broken parts, perform routine maintenance such as cleaning and oiling parts, honing cylinders and tuning ignition system, ability to demonstrate good judgment when dealing with guests or other personnel, able to lift/carry supplies or equipment with frequent reaching, stooping, bending, and kneeling, extensive walking and standing.

Drop off your resume and application at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort at the Front Office, Kagman Road. May submit resume online at: [mada@laoaobay.com](mailto:mada@laoaobay.com)  
Deadline to submit Applications is on or before 5:00pm on October 8, 2012.  
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# Samu't Sari



Empty Vessel Ministry members and supporters have their picture taken during the recent Bazaar and Flea Market event. Those who would like to participate in Empty Vessel's flea market in Gualo Rai at the ABA building across the EZ Market may contact 483-0162 or 235-2340.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



A Mariana Resort & Spa chef prepares the winning recipe that won in the recent Saipan's Next Top Chef competition. The recipe will be available by Oct. 15, 2012 at the Mariana Resort & Spa.

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A crowd with lit candles and American and Palauan flags wait for the arrival of the remains of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan early Friday morning.

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## A HERO'S WELCOME

Relatives and friends of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan light candles along the road leading to the Saipan airport commuter terminal to welcome the arrival of her remains early yesterday morning.

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Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), left, was among those who participated in the candlelight vigil to welcome early Friday morning's arrival of the remains of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan.

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A man holds an American flag during a candlelight vigil near the Saipan airport commuter terminal to welcome the arrival of the remains of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan early yesterday morning.

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A woman holds a miniature American flag while waiting for the arrival of the remains of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan early Friday morning.

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The hearse carrying the remains of the late U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan is greeted by families and friends holding lit candles and American and Palauan flags as at the Saipan airport commuter terminal early Friday morning.

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# Business

## Job market steady under Obama but remains weak

WASHINGTON (AP)—The September jobs report that arrives Friday, a month before the presidential election, will likely sketch a dual picture: The job market continues to heal. Yet it's far from full health.

No incumbent since Franklin Roosevelt has faced re-election with unemployment so high. The rate was 8.1 percent in August, up from 7.8 percent when President Barack Obama took office in January 2009. Economists predict that the rate

reached 8.2 percent in September, according to a survey by FactSet.

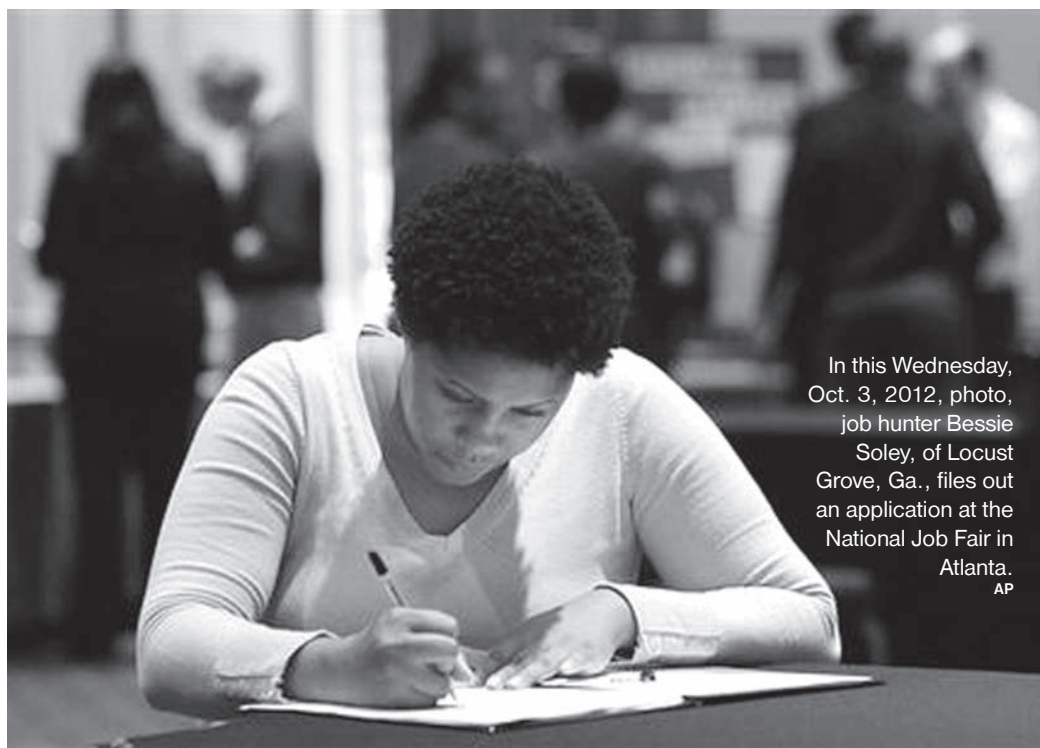
It would be the 44th straight month in which unemployment has topped 8 percent.

Still, the job market has been improving, sluggishly but steadily. Jobs have been added for 23 straight months. There are now 125,000 more than when Obama took office. Economists predict 111,000 more were added in September.

The administration's defend-

ers argue that Obama shouldn't be held accountable for job losses early in his term. When he became president in the midst of the Great Recession, the job market was collapsing. In January 2009, the economy lost 818,000 jobs, the grimmest showing since 1949. In the first four months of his presidency, 3 million jobs vanished.

Obama's economic prescriptions, particularly an \$862 billion stimulus plan, didn't kick in until months after his inauguration.



In this Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, photo, job hunter Bessie Soley, of Locust Grove, Ga., files out an application at the National Job Fair in Atlanta. AP

## Many states fall short of federal sex offender law

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Nearly three dozen states have failed to meet conditions of a 2006 federal law that requires them to join a nationwide program to track sex offenders, including five states that have completely given up on the effort because of persistent doubts about how it works and how much it costs.

The states, including some of the nation's largest, stand to lose millions of dollars in gov-

ernment grants for law enforcement, but some have concluded that honoring the law would be far more expensive than simply living without the money.

"The requirements would have been a huge expense," said Doris Smith, who oversees grant programs at the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. Lawmakers weren't willing to spend that much, even though the state will lose \$226,000.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, named after a boy kidnapped from a Florida mall and killed in 1981, was supposed to create a uniform system for registering and tracking sex offenders that would link all 50 states, plus U.S. territories and tribal lands. When President George W. Bush signed it into law, many states quickly realized they would have to overhaul their sex offender registration systems to comply.

ever are taking generic drugs, as blockbuster medicines like Plavix and Lipitor become available in low-cost versions. But the government's revelation this week that it mistakenly approved a defective generic antidepressant could stoke long-time concerns about the quality of knockoff drugs. The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday asked Teva Pharmaceuticals to withdraw its drug Budeprion XL 300 after testing showed the drug did not properly release its key ingredient. The drug is supposed to be equivalent to Glaxo-SmithKline's popular antidepressant Wellbutrin XL, which is prescribed to treat depression, anxiety and symptoms of nicotine withdrawal. The announcement marked an about-face for regulators, who said in 2008 that the two drugs were essentially the same, despite hundreds of complaints from patients who said they experienced side effects such as headaches, anxiety and insomnia after switching to the generic drug. The FDA has withdrawn generic drugs before, but this appears to be the first case driven by consumer complaints, which continued to pile up after the FDA said the drug was working correctly.

# Nation

## Romney: 'Victory is in sight' after first debate

DENVER (AP)—Buoyed by a powerful debate showing, Mitt Romney said Thursday he offers "prosperity that comes through freedom" to a country struggling to shed a weak economy. President Barack Obama accused the former Massachusetts governor of running from his own record in pursuit of political power.

Both men unleashed new attack ads in the battleground states in a race with little more than a month to run, Obama suggesting Romney couldn't be trusted with the presidency, and the Republican accusing the president of backing a large tax increase on the middle class.



Romney

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)—His performance panned, President Barack Obama is changing his debate strategy against Republican Mitt Romney, aides conceding the president must find a crisper way to sell his agenda and counter his opponent without getting lost in the weeds.**

**The heart of Obama's new message with less than five weeks to go: Romney is a liar.**

**Expect that theme—expressed in softer terms from the president than from his aides—to drive Obama's advertising and messaging for days. Wednesday night's debate showed Obama was rusty, rambling and cautious, but his aides insist he emerged with a real open-**

**ing to target Romney's assertions.**

**"Gov. Romney may dance around his positions, but if you want to be president, you owe the American people the truth," Obama declared in his first post-debate appearance, a Thursday rally in Denver. He displayed an energy that was conspicuously absent in the debate.**

The debate reached 67.2 million viewers, an increase of 28 percent over the first debate in the 2008 presidential campaign. The measurement and information company Nielsen said Thursday that 11 networks provided live coverage of the debate.

Not even Democrats disputed that Romney was likely to benefit politically from the debate Wednesday night in which he aggressively challenged Obama's stewardship of the economy and said his own plans would help pull the country out of a slow-growth rut. Still, there was no immediate indication that the race would expand beyond the nine battleground states where the rivals and their running mates spend nearly all of their campaign time and advertising dollars.

Debate host Colorado is one of them, and Virginia, where Romney headed for an evening speech, is another. So, too, Wisconsin, Obama's destination for a mid-day rally. Nevada, Ohio, Iowa, New Hampshire, Florida and North

Carolina are the others.

Among them, the nine states account for 110 electoral votes out of the 270 needed to win the White House, more than enough to tip the campaign to one man or the other.

"Victory is in sight," Romney exulted in an emailed request for donations to supporters. It was a show of confidence by a man hoping for a quick reversal in pre-debate public opinion polls that showed him trailing in battleground states as well as nationally.

Reprising a line from the debate, he told an audience of conservatives in Denver that Obama offers "trickle-down government." He added, "I don't think that's what America believes in. I see instead a prosperity that comes through freedom."

Another possible pivot point in the campaign neared in the form of Friday's government report on unemployment for September. Joblessness was measured at 8.1 percent the previous month.

Obama campaigned with the energy of a man determined to make up for a subpar debate showing. Speaking to a crowd not far from the debate hall, he said mockingly that a "very spirited fellow" who stood next to him onstage Wednesday night "does not want to be held accountable for the real Mitt Romney's positions" on taxes, education and other issues. "Governor Romney may dance around his positions, but if you want to be president you owe the American people the truth," he said.

## Hundreds seen at risk in meningitis outbreak

NEW YORK (AP)—The potential scope of the meningitis outbreak that has killed at least five people widened dramatically Thursday as health officials warned that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of patients who got steroid back injections in 23 states could be at risk.

Clinics and medical centers rushed to contact patients who may have received the apparently fungus-contaminated shots. And the Food and Drug Administration urged doctors not to use any products at all from the Massachusetts pharmacy that supplied the suspect steroid solution.

It is not clear how many patients received tainted injections, or even whether everyone who got one will get sick.

So far, 35 people in six states—Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina and Indiana—have contracted fungal meningitis, and five of them have died, according to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention. All had received steroid shots for back pain, a highly common treatment.

In an alarming indication the outbreak could get a lot bigger, Massachusetts health officials said the pharmacy involved, the New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Mass., has recalled three lots consisting of a total of 17,676 single-dose vials of the steroid, preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate.

An unknown number of those vials reached 75 clinics and other facilities in 23 states between July and September, federal health officials said. Several hundred of the vials, maybe more, have been returned unused, one Massachusetts official said.

But many other vials were used. At one clinic in Evansville, Ind., more than 500 patients got shots from the suspect lots, officials said. At two clinics in Tennessee, more than

900 patients—perhaps many more—did.

The investigation began about two weeks ago after a case was diagnosed in Tennessee. The time from infection to onset of symptoms is anywhere from a few days to a month, so the number of people stricken could rise.

Investigators this week found contamination in a sealed vial of the steroid at the New England company, according to FDA officials. Tests are under way to determine if it is the same fungus blamed in the outbreak.

The company has shut down operations and said it is working with regulators to identify the source of the infection.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we advise all health care practitioners not to use any product" from the company, said Ilisa Bernstein, director of compliance for the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Study: Free birth control leads to fewer abortions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Free birth control led to dramatically lower rates of abortions and teen births, a large study concluded Thursday, offering strong evidence for how a bitterly contested Obama administration policy could benefit women's health. The project tracked more than 9,000 women in St. Louis, many of them poor or uninsured. They were given their choice of a range of contraceptive methods at no cost—from birth control pills to goof-proof options like the IUD or a matchstick-sized implant. When price wasn't an issue, women flocked to the most effective contraceptives—the implanted options, which typically cost hundreds of dollars up-front to insert. These women experienced far fewer unintended pregnancies as a result, reported Dr. Jeffrey Peipert of Washington University in St. Louis in a study published Thursday.

#### Defective generic pill revives quality concerns

WASHINGTON (AP)—More Americans than

# Asia

## Pakistan struggles with smuggled Buddhist relics

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Lacking the necessary cash and manpower, Pakistan is struggling to stem the flow of millions of dollars in ancient Buddhist artifacts that looters dig up in the country's northwest and smuggle to collectors around the world.

The black market trade in smuggled antiquities is a global problem that some experts estimate is worth billions of dollars per year. The main targets are poor countries like Pakistan that possess a rich cultural heritage but don't have the resources to protect it.

The illicit excavations rob Pakistan of an important potential source of tourism revenue, as valuable icons are spirited out of the country, and destroy

any chance for archaeologists to document the history of the sites.

"We are facing a serious problem because Pakistan is a vast country, and we have very meager resources," said Fazal Dad Kakar, head of the government's department of archaeology and museums. "We have no manpower to watch the hundreds of Buddhist sites and monasteries in the country, most of which are located in isolated valleys."

Many of the sites are in the Swat Valley, a verdant, mountainous area in the northwest that was once part of Gandhara, an important Buddhist kingdom that stretched across modern-day Pakistan and Afghanistan more than 1,000 years ago.

Police seized a large container

filled with nearly 400 artifacts in the southern port city of Karachi in July that were being trucked north to be smuggled out of the country. About 40 percent were found to be genuine, including nearly 100 Buddhist sculptures up to 1,800-years-old worth millions of dollars, said Qasim Ali Qasim, director of archaeology and museums in southern Sindh province.

There were effectively no restrictions on whisking Buddhist relics out of Pakistan's northwest in the first few decades after the country achieved independence from Britain in 1947, said Malik Naveed, a former police chief of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where the Swat Valley is located.



In this photo taken on July 6, 2012, A Pakistani official looks at Buddha statues confiscated by custom authorities in Karachi, Pakistan.

## 18 students die after landslide hits China school

BEIJING (AP)—All 18 elementary school students buried in a landslide were confirmed dead Friday, while one other person remained missing a day after the hillside collapsed and smothered part of a village in mountainous southwestern China.

Rescuers recovered the last of the 18 students' remains early Friday, about 18 hours after the landslide smothered the Tiantou Elementary School and three farmhouses and damaged six other homes and farmland in Zhenhe village, the Yiliang County government said on its

website. It said a person from one of the houses was missing, and a heavily injured person was in a hospital in stable condition.

The landslide dammed a river, causing its water to pool 15 meters (45 feet) across and 7 meters (21 feet) deep around the buried area, hampering rescue efforts and forcing the evacuation of 800 other people, the government said. Rescue teams removed the blockage and the water was subsiding, it said.

While officials have yet to give a cause for the landslide,

the corner of Yunnan province has been lashed by rain in recent days and is prone to earthquakes. A series of quakes last month left 81 people dead and devastated parts of Yiliang county, which are still recovering.

Though Thursday was a holiday across China, the students who were killed had been attending school to make up for days missed after the quake, Yiliang officials said. Their school had been damaged in the quake and they were sent to Tiantou temporarily, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

# World

## UN strongly condemns Syrian shelling of Turkey

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. Security Council overcame deep divisions to unanimously approve a statement Thursday condemning Syria's shelling of a Turkish town that killed five women and children "in the strongest terms."

Council members managed to bridge differences between the strong statement demanded by the United States and its Western supporters and backed by their NATO ally Turkey, and a weaker text pushed by Russia, Syria's most important ally, after negotiations that began late Wednesday and continued through Thursday.

In the press statement, which needed approval from all 15 council members, the U.N.'s most powerful body said the incident "highlighted the grave impact the crisis in Syria has on the security of its neighbors and on regional peace and stability."

It also extended condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and people of Turkey.

The council demanded an immediate end to such violations of international law and

called on the Syrian government "to fully respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its neighbors."

Earlier Thursday, Syria's U.N. envoy said his government is not seeking any escalation of violence with Turkey and wants to maintain good neighborly relations.

Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari said the government hasn't apologized for the shelling from Syria because it is waiting for the outcome of an investigation on the source of the firing.

He read reporters a letter he delivered to the Security Council that sent Syria's "deepest condolences" to the families of the victims "and to the friendly and brotherly people of Turkey."

It urged Turkey and its other neighbors to "act wisely, rationally and responsibly" and to prevent cross-border infiltration of "terrorists and insurgents" and the smuggling of arms.

During Thursday's negotiations on the text when the outcome was still in doubt, U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice told reporters "we think it's

very important that the council speak clearly and swiftly to condemn this shelling."

"This sort of cross-border military activity is very destabilizing and must be stopped," she said.

The border violence has added a dangerous new dimension to Syria's civil war, dragging Syria's neighbors deeper into a conflict that activists say has already killed 30,000 people since an uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime began in March 2011.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed alarm Thursday at the escalating border tensions and warned that the risks of regional conflict and the threat to international peace is increasing, U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

The U.N. chief called on all parties "to abandon the use of violence, exercise maximum restraint and exert all efforts to move toward a political solution," he said.

Nesirky said Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N.-Arab League envoy, has been in contact with Turkish and Syrian officials "in order to encourage an easing of tensions."

## Egypt's hardline Islamist party unravels

CAIRO (AP)—Internal feuds are threatening to unravel the political party of Egypt's ultraconservative Islamist Salafis, as pragmatists try to shake off the control of hardline clerics who reject any compromise in their stark, puritanical version of Islam.

The fight for leadership could paralyze the Al-Nour Party, which rocketed out of nowhere to become Egypt's second most powerful political force, behind the Muslim Brotherhood. Together, the Brotherhood and Al-Nour embodied the rise of Islamists to prominence after last year's fall of Hosni Mubarak.

It also underlines the key dilemma in the project of political Islam—what to do when the maneuverings of demo-

cratic politics collide with demands for strict purity of religious ideology, particularly the unbending, black-and-white doctrine of the Salafis. Infighting among the Salafis could discredit their aims of radical Islamization of Egypt in the eyes of some Egyptians who saw the movement as pious and uncorrupt, calling for strict adherence to the Quran and the ways of the Prophet Muhammad.

"The party is exploding from inside," Mohammed Habib, who was once a leader in the Muslim Brotherhood, said of Al-Nour. "In the street, it has lost its credibility. People see clerics who they used to see as men of God engaging in earthy disputes. They used to trust them. This will have

a negative impact not only on Al-Nour or Salafis but on all Islamists in politics."

Salafis are among the most hardcore conservatives in Egypt, with a stricter vision of Islam than the Brotherhood.

Salafi men are known for their long beards, with the mustache shaved off—a style they say was worn by Muhammad—while the women wear the "niqab," an enveloping black robe and veil that leaves only the eyes visible. They advocate strict segregation of the sexes and an unbendingly literal interpretation of the Quran, saying society should mirror the way the prophet ruled the early Muslims in the 7th Century. They say they want to turn Egypt into a pure Islamic society, implementing strict Shariah law.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 2 Britons go on trial on drug charges in Bali

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—Two British citizens have gone on trial for allegedly trafficking cocaine onto Indonesia's popular resort island of Bali. Both could face the death penalty if found guilty. Fifty-six-year-old Lindsay Sandiford was arrested in May when customs officers at Bali's airport discovered 3.8 kilograms (8.4 pounds) of cocaine worth \$2.5 million stuffed into her luggage. Her suspected accomplice, forty-seven-year-old Julian Anthony Pounder, went on trial separately at the same court Thursday. Both defendants could face firing squads if found guilty.

#### Sumatran tiger dies during flight in Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP)—Authorities are investigating the death of an endangered Sumatran tiger during a plane journey in Indonesia. State forestry official Afan Absori says the tiger was being flown from Banda Aceh to a zoo on Java island on Tuesday along with a gibbon and two bearcats. He cited Garuda Indonesia airlines as saying the animals were removed from the plane's cargo hold during a stop in Medan because of complaints from passengers about their smell. They were taken back to Banda Aceh, where officials found the tiger had died.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Public employees close offices, pack Chavez rally

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Thursday was not a good day to try to get any public business done in Venezuela's capital. State employees quit their offices by the tens of thousands, joining the red-shirted throngs that filled Caracas's center for the final pre-election rally for President Hugo Chavez. Chavez's opponent in Sunday's election, Henrique Capriles, and his

supporters accused the government of handing out red shirts to public employees and compelling them to participate.

#### Mexico holds 2 in connection with border shooting

PHOENIX (AP)—Federal police have arrested two men who may be connected with the fatal shooting of a U.S. Border Patrol agent just north of the Mexico-Arizona border, a Mexican law enforcement official said Thursday. The of-

ficial, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, said it was unclear if there was strong evidence linking the men to the shooting of Agent Nicholas Ivie. Ivie and two other agents were fired upon Tuesday in a rugged hilly area about five miles (eight kilometers) north of the border near Bisbee, Ariz., as they responded to an alarm that was triggered on one of the sensors that the government has installed along the border.

# YoungStyle



## LeapFrog, iPad tablets top hot holiday toy lists

By JAYNE O'DONNELL and  
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USA TODAY

Tablets for tots will likely top wish lists this holiday season, though availability could be the problem it is every year for hot toys.

Toys R Us released its hot toy list Wednesday, and Kmart's is out Thursday. The lists offer parents a chance to get a jump on the search for the latest trendy toy.

That may be necessary: A new survey shows inventory levels won't be much better than last year, which could mean bare store shelves and disappointed kids.

A survey of retail CFOs found 55% said inventory levels this holiday season will be the same as last year, while only 25% said they increased the amount of merchandise purchased for the holidays, according to account-



ing and consulting firm BDO USA's report out this week. It also showed retailers are divided about whether too much or too little inventory is the

bigger risk to their holiday sales. With too much inventory, stores are forced to make big post-holiday price cuts, which cut into profits.

## US kids exposed to 4 hours of background TV daily

By MICHELLE HEALY  
USA TODAY

A number of studies have found evidence that too much television is bad for children's development, even when it's playing in the background and kids are not watching. Now a study has tracked just how much background TV kids get and it's a lot—232.2 minutes, or nearly four hours every day.

The average amount is even greater among some, especially children who are younger, African-American or from the poorest families, finds the study in Monday's Pediatrics.

The nearly four hours of background TV exposure "easily dwarfs" the 80 minutes of active TV viewing the average child in this age group absorbs daily, says the study.

"You're looking at three times the amount, which is enormous," says Matthew Lapiere, one of the study authors, an assistant professor of communication studies at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. "It's really kind of shocking," he says.

The study was presented in May at a meeting of the International Commu-

nication Association. It was conducted using a nationally representative telephone survey of 1,454 parents with at least one child between the ages of 8 months and 8 years old.

Among questions that parents were asked: how often their TV was on when no one was watching; whether their child had a TV in their bedroom and the number of TVs in the home.

It found that in addition to actual TV viewing, children under age 2 and African-American children were exposed to an average of 5.5 hours a day of a TV playing in the background; children from the poorest families were exposed to nearly six hours per day.

The finding among African-Americans "wasn't unexpected," says Lapiere, noting that statistically, their households "are often found to be more TV-centric," compared with other groups, with more TVs per household and more of those TVs in bedrooms.

He suspects that the high rate of background TV among very young children may have to do with parents and caregivers leaving the television on, even when they're not actively

watching, to "break up the monotony" of being with an infant or toddler for long stretches of the day.

The study notes that background television exposure has been "linked to lower sustained attention during playtime, lower quality parent-child interactions, and reduced performance on cognitive tasks."

Heather Kirkorian, an assistant professor of human development and family studies at a researcher at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who has published studies on background television's impact on both parent-child interaction and children's play patterns, says "until now we could only guess at the extent of the impact in children's day-to-day lives." The new study "documents just how great the real-world impact may be, particularly for very young children."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under age 2 not be exposed to any television.

To reduce background TV exposure, the study recommends turning off the TV when no one is watching and at key points during a child's day, such as bedtime and mealtime.

Toys R Us is offering one solution to worried parents. Shoppers will be able to "reserve" certain toys with a 20% down payment between now and Oct. 31. The service, which is similar to lay-away, includes any of the 50 toys on the retailer's "hot toy" list, as well as the 14 "contenders" for the list. It can be used even if the item isn't in stock at the time. Purchasers get an e-mail notification when their orders are available and have until Dec. 16 to pick them up.

While the economy may still appear bleak for some shoppers, some experts say the holiday season is looking bright.

"This may just be one of the best years in a long time for toys," says Tina Benitez-Eves, an editor who covers the toy industry for Gifts and Decorative Accessories magazine and website. "For consumers, finding that sweet price point is always going to be difficult, but even with this up and down economy, it's possible that consumers may spend more this year."

While many consumers say it's far too early to think about holiday shopping, some kids already have their lists all figured out. Abeni Ofunniyin, 31 of Raleigh, N.C., says her daughter is begging for an iPad. She probably won't get one, though. She's only 7. But her mother says she might find a Kindle Fire under the Christmas tree.

The hottest toys this year are about the past and the future, says Julia Fitzgerald, chief marketing officer for sporting goods and toys for Sears Holdings, parents company of Kmart and Sears.

An example of the two trends: Hasbro is bringing back Furby. The new

Furby has expressive LCD eyes, interacts with iPads, and speaks "Furbish," learning English as your child talks to it, says Fitzgerald.

"Furby is coming back with a vengeance," she says.

"Trends come, they go and then they come back again," says Benitez-Eves, the magazine's business editor. "But educational, interactive toys, ones with an added tech advantage, are definitely more appealing."

While Furby hasn't been on store shelves for seven years, "in our social-media, tech-infused times, the interactive component makes it timeless," she says.

Futuristic high-tech toys that made Kmart's hot toys list include tablets for kids like the LeapFrog LeapPad2, and a Air Hogs Hover Assault remote-controlled helicopter by Spin Master, which flies and shoots missiles. Back from the past is a Mickey Mouse toy from Fisher-Price, but revamped as "Master Moves Mickey," with "crazy hip-hop dance moves," says Fitzgerald.

The iPad and iPod each made the National Retail Federation's top toy list last year, as did LeapFrog products, which spokeswoman Kathy Grannis says "were hard to come by." It was the first year iPad made the list, while iPods have been a popular "toy" for longer.

Toys R Us Senior Vice President Lisa Harnisch says tablets like its own Tabeo, and the LeapPad2 are especially hot this year. While parents' iPads may look like fun for kids, she says most parents would prefer less expensive and fragile tablets that are pre-loaded with educational games and apps.

## Zoinks! Cartoon Network celebrates 20 years

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA (AP)—It's been a long, strange 20 years for the Cartoon Network, which has flourished during a time when animation traced its way from the likes of "Scooby-Doo" to the racy, trippy fare now shown on Adult Swim.

The network is celebrating itself all month with on-air tributes, starting with a video released Monday that features more than 100 characters that have appeared on the channel coming together in a rave-like dance party.

When the network launched on Oct. 1, 1992, it aired around-the-clock cartoons including those from the Hanna-Barbera library—which includes "The Flintstones" and "The Jetsons"—at a time when ratings for morning cartoons were dropping and "The Simpsons" was making its mark in prime time.

Many thought Ted Turner's idea to start the network was "crazy," said Robert Sorcher, who worked there for its first five years. He said critics didn't understand Turner Broadcasting Systems' \$320 million purchase of the Hanna-Barbera library or earlier acquisition of the MGM film library, which includes "Tom & Jerry."

"It was not clear to everyone how

this was going to be a successful network," said Sorcher, now the network's chief content officer.

But Turner believed Cartoon Network could fill a void and cater to both children and adults. Original productions began in 1994 with "Space Ghost Coast to Coast," which led to several other original series that became popular including "The Powerpuff Girls," "Dexter's Laboratory," "Courage the Cowardly Dog" and "Johnny Bravo."

For more than 10 years, Adult Swim has featured mature content late at night. And shows such as the Emmy Award-winning "Regular Show," "Ben 10" and "Adventure Time" have become mainstays of the network.

Now, the network is shown in more than 360 million households in 175 countries.

"It's been cool to see the transformation," said J.G. Quintel, who started as an intern in 2005 and is the creator of "Regular Show." "This network just keeps evolving."

The next step, says Cartoon Network President Stuart Snyder, is catering to viewers on any device, from smart phones to tablets, laptops to television: "We recognize that while kids may never change of what they like or don't like, technology is certainly changing."



**UP A TREE!** Our artist claims there are 16 faces among branches of this family tree. How many do you see?

**SPORTS CAST!** Name a sport with which each of the following B-words is associated: 1. Bunt. 2. Bogey. 3. Butterfly. 4. Bootleg. 5. Blueline. 6. Blinders. Time limit: 1 minute.

**QUICK PICK!** Place 14 toothpicks on the table. In turn, you and an opponent are to pick up one, two or three. Object is to force opponent to pick up last toothpick.

Here's how: If you go first, you can't lose. On first turn, take one. On next turn, pick up fifth toothpick in removal order. On next turn, see that just five toothpicks remain.

If opponent goes first, try to proceed similarly, but this method may not always succeed.

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

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### IN IT TO WIN IT CHALLENGE

YES, you have to be IN it to win it — or, in this case, to solve it. Six seven-letter words shown contain the word IN in progressive stages. You are asked to fill in these words in accord with the following definitions:

1. Due to arrive, as a plane or train.
2. "A horse! A horse! My — for a horse."
3. Hanger-onner of sorts.
4. Gone but not forgotten, as the dinosaur, moa, etc.
5. Astonishingly hard to believe.
6. Bad guy hissed by old-time audiences.

How quickly can you puzzle them out? Time: 2 minutes.

1. Inbound 2. Kingdom 3. Clinger 4. Extinct 5. Amazing 6. Villain



## Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was inventor Thomas Edison who made the following sage observation: "We don't know a millionth of 1 percent about anything."

■ Those who study such things say that chewing gum will reduce your recall ability by 10 percent.

■ As ostrich can run just as fast as a racehorse.

■ In 1972, an extraordinary birth occurred. On July 22 of that year, a woman in Rome gave birth a whopping 15 babies—five boys and 10 girls. The siblings were quindecaplets, though, obviously, that term doesn't see much use.

■ You probably know that J. Edgar Hoover was the first director of the FBI, helping to found the bureau in 1935 and serving until his death in 1972. You might not realize, though, that in his career he never made an arrest or even personally conducted an investigation.

■ It's been reported that the last words of famed composer Ludwig van Beethoven were "Friends, applaud; the comedy is over."

■ The Rubik's Cube, that ubiquitous 1980s toy, was invented by a mathematician in Hungary to help teach math to his students. The device was first marketed as a toy in Hungary—where one in five citizens owned one—then was brought to the U.S., from whence it became an international sensation. The success of his cube made Erno Rubik the first self-made millionaire in a communist country.

■ The next time you're visiting Washington, D.C., keep in mind that in our nation's capital, it is illegal to throw a bull in any way.

■ A queen honeybee can live for up to seven years.

■ On a per capita basis, Switzerland consumes more chocolate than any other country. No. 2 and No. 3 are Norway and Great Britain, respectively.

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Thought for the Day: "Don't let your opinions sway your judgment."—Samuel Goldwyn

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## MAGIC MAZE • PARTED WORDS

B S P N K I F R C A X V I T S  
Q O L J H E E C A X V M N N T  
R P N L J N E I I F D P E B E Y  
E X V T T R P T L A M P O M M  
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W U T R R S P R Q T W A O P N  
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Y X P N W P P V T T S A Y O R  
P O N L K J I G S F E C P C B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Apartment	Impart	Partisan	Partway
Bonaparte	Partake	Partly	Party
Compartment	Partial	Partner	Rampart
Department	Particle	Parts	

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

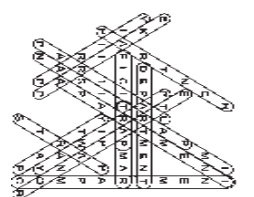
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### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



PARTED WORDS

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## House training advice

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I've been trying to house train my puppy, "Genie," but she still leaves puddles around the house in the morning before I wake up. I tried rubbing her nose in the mess, but it doesn't seem to work. Can you help?—Claire W., Akron, Ohio



**DEAR CLAIRE:** Some dogs are a bit more difficult to house train than others, but don't give up. First, however, stop rubbing Genie's nose in her puddle. Dogs' attention spans are pretty short, and trying to punish her long after the act won't help, and in fact can set her training way back.

Does Genie make that puddle at roughly the same time each morning? If so, that's a clear signal that her bladder is full by that time. You need to make an adjustment: wake up earlier, before Genie pees in the house. Take her outside on her leash and encourage her to go, praising her lavishly when she does. Repeat this every morning without fail—Genie will get it.

Now, to get your sleep time back, you need to try and adjust when Genie goes at night. If you're taking her out at 10 p.m. and she's wetting the floor at 5 a.m., take her out at 11 p.m.

instead. Then take her out at 5:30 a.m. the next morning, and at 6 a.m. the following morning. See if her clock adjusts.

If that doesn't work, remember, Genie is still young and growing. She may be able to hold her urine longer when she gets bigger. So be patient, and keep working with her.

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## Apple time nostalgia

**C**elebrating bountiful fall apple crops is an American tradition we can pass on to our children in lively and creative ways. Share your childhood memories with your kids while you enjoy these old-fashioned apple activities updated with a twist.

## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### APPLE TASTE-TESTING

Have your family taste-test several varieties of apples, including specialties from your area. First, sort them by color and name, such as Granny Smith, Red Delicious, McIntosh, etc. Help your children pronounce and identify them correctly. Which



are sweetest, tartest and juiciest? Which would taste yummy dipped in a caramel sauce or baked in a pie?

### EDIBLE APPLE ART

At mealtime, eat your apple art. For each serving, make an edible apple bowl by cutting the top 1/4 off an apple and scooping out the fruit and core with a grapefruit-style knife. Make sure there is a 1/4-inch-thick apple shell remaining. For extra fun, etch a funny face or wacky design on the outside using jack-o'-lantern carving tools or a butter knife. Fill with applesauce topped with a sprinkling of cinnamon, or a Waldorf salad composed of apple chunks from the scooped-out fruit, seedless grapes, diced celery, walnuts, a little mayonnaise or vanilla yogurt and a few squeezes of lemon juice.

### GLOWING APPLE CENTERPIECE

Carefully scoop out the top center portion of an apple, leaving enough space for tucking a tea-light candle firmly in

place. Arrange several pressed, colorful fall leaves that your children have collected in the middle of the table. Set the apple and its candle on the leaf arrangement. Light the candle at dinnertime.

Note: An adult should always be present when burning candles.

### APPLE STORYTIME

John Chapman, known as Johnny Appleseed, was famous for planting apple trees across America. Read the classic tale of Johnny Appleseed at bedtime.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

## 'Idol' divas Carey, Minaj take their feud public

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Is this "Idol" threat an idle threat?

Mariah Carey told Barbara Walters her fellow "American Idol" judge Nicki Minaj threatened to shoot her, Walters reported on ABC's "The View" Thursday morning.

Consulting her notes, Walters recounted a phone conversation with Carey just before the ABC talk show went on the air, with new details of Tuesday's blowup between Carey and Minaj that was partly captured on video made public on the TMZ website.

Walters said Carey told her that "when Nicki walked off the set, multiple people heard Nicki say, 'If I had a gun I would shoot the (adjective) unspoken by Walters' bitch.'"

After a meeting on Wednesday attended by the pair, Minaj said to Carey, "I love you, but we might fight again," according to Walters. "Mariah responded, 'No, we will not.'"

Walters said Carey told her that the singer had hired extra security.

"Mariah said she doesn't feel comfortable emotionally," Wal-



This Sept. 17, 2012 file image released by Fox shows the new judges for the singing competition series, "American Idol," from left, Mariah Carey, Keith Urban and Nicki Minaj and during a news conference in New York.

ters reported. "But she will continue with the show because she loves the show. And she loves mentoring the contestants."

Walters issued an invitation to Minaj, a past guest of "The View," asking her to return to the show to give her side of the story.

But Minaj wasted no time responding with a string of Twitter postings.

One read: "Hey yAll. Lets just say nicki said smthn about a gun. Ppl will believe it cuz she's a black rapper. Lmao. I'll then hit up Barbara n milk it"

She continued: "Ironically no camera or mic heard the gun comment tho. Lol (at) the struggle. Not even the producers believed u. Say no to violence barbz."

A bit later, she tweeted: "I don't call tmz n Barbara Walters cuz I stand on my own two feet. Never needed an army. God is good. Insecurity is as cruel as the grave."

Rumors of drama between Minaj and Carey began to swirl as soon as the new panel was officially announced on Sept. 16.

Then the blurry web video released Tuesday by TMZ.com

displayed what appeared to be an argument between Minaj and Carey during the tryout taping in Charlotte, N.C. On the video, Minaj announces that she is no longer putting up with "her ... Highness," in an expletive-enhanced reference to Carey.

Fox's "American Idol" is still the nation's most popular show despite a dramatic fall-off in ratings last season that led to Randy Jackson being joined by three new judges, who also include country singer Keith Urban.

The show's new season premieres in January.

## Film dramatizing bin Laden raid airing Nov. 4

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A film dramatizing the death of Osama bin Laden is set to debut next month on the National Geographic Channel, two days before the U.S. presidential election.

"Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama bin Laden," from The Weinstein Co. and Voltage Pictures, will air Sunday, Nov. 4, the channel said Thursday. President Barack Obama faces Republican challenger Mitt Romney at the polls two days later.

Weinstein co-chairman Harvey Weinstein is a prominent fundraiser for Obama's re-election campaign, which has touted bin Laden's death as an example of the president's leadership.

National Geographic Channel chose the film's debut date to help promote the start of its fall season, channel President Howard T. Owens said Thursday.

"Harvey obviously doesn't schedule our network," Owens said. He added that the channel

is "not political. We are opportunistic from a programming perspective."

National Geographic Channel did take into account Weinstein's desire to get out ahead of a competitive movie about the U.S. Navy SEALs' hunt for the al-Qaida leader, Owens said.

"Zero Dark Thirty," from director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal, who won Oscars for "The Hurt Locker," is scheduled to be released in

theaters at the end of the year.

"Seal Team Six," directed by John Stockwell ("Into the Blue"), also was intended for a big-screen release until the channel made what it called a "preemptive bid" for it. The film will be available to Netflix U.S. subscribers a day after its premiere.

Owens said he and Weinstein have a previous business relationship: Owens represented Miramax Television while working at the William Morris Agency.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Jay-Z to stream concert on his new YouTube channel

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Jay-Z is live-streaming the last of his eight concerts at New York City's Barclays Center for the launch of his new YouTube channel. The rapper announced Thursday his performance at the new Brooklyn sports arena will be live-streamed on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Eastern time. He says it'll air on his new Life and Times channel. Jay-Z's new channel is part of an original programming initiative by YouTube, owned by Mountain View, Calif.-based Google Inc. Life and Times promises a lineup of "in depth lifestyle pieces" based on the tastes and interests of Jay-Z. The rapper is christening the Barclays Center with a weeklong series of shows. The arena is the new home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets, of which Jay-Z is a minority owner.

#### Lawyer: 'Melrose' actress chased before US crash

**SOMERVILLE, New Jersey (AP)**—A lawyer for an actress who appeared on TV's "Melrose Place" says the woman was being chased by another driver minutes before a crash that left one person dead. Amy Locane-Bovenizer's trial on aggravated manslaughter

and assault by auto charges began Thursday. She faces 10 to 30 years in prison if convicted. The Star-Ledger reports that attorney Blair Zwillman told a Somerville jury that Locane-Bovenizer was pursued for 4 miles by a woman whose car she had rear-ended. He says the woman honked her horn and flashing her lights, causing Locane-Bovenizer to drive well over the speed limit. The chase ended when the actress slammed into a vehicle pulling into a driveway. One person was killed and another injured. Assistant prosecutor Matthew Murphy says Locane-Bovenizer's intoxication caused the crash.

#### Ann Romney to guest-host 'Good Morning America'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Ann Romney is guest-hosting "Good Morning America" next Wednesday. ABC says the wife of Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney will be on hand at the morning news program for its 8 a.m. (Eastern time) hour. Joining George Stephanopoulos at the anchor desk, Mrs. Romney will be filling in for co-anchor Robin Roberts, who is on extended medical leave. ABC says it is in discussions with first lady Michelle Obama for a similar guest appearance when her schedule allows. Ste-

phen Colbert, Oprah Winfrey and the cast of "Modern Family" have previously been announced to substitute for Roberts, who had a bone marrow transplant last month. Roberts' absence came as "Good Morning America" has overtaken NBC's "Today" show in the ratings after years in second place.

#### Cheers for Ali at literary ceremony in US

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Muhammad Ali owned the night without saying a word. The boxing great was the guest of honor Thursday night at the 4th annual Norman Mailer Center benefit gala. The ceremony benefited the Norman Mailer Writers Colony, named for the late author. Ali was in attendance to watch the first ever presentation of the Muhammad Ali Ethics Award, a writing prize for college students. Introduced by emcee Alec Baldwin, Ali sat mute and expressionless in an armchair on a small, makeshift stage as the audience chanted "Ali! Ali! Ali!" He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease nearly 30 years ago. Among those receiving honorary awards from the Mailer center were historian Robert Caro and novelist Joyce Carol Oates. Despite his frail health, the 70-year-old Ali stayed until the end.

## Man does the right things, but wife still feels wrong

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 42-year-old woman who has wanted to write to you for years. I'll soon celebrate my 20th wedding anniversary. I am very unhappily married.



I married "Bill" for all the wrong reasons. I never truly loved him the way a woman should love a man. I have remained in the marriage because I am "supposed to." I was brought up to obey the Commandments and do what is right.

*Dear Abby*

Bill is a wonderful husband and father. He has a steady job that pays well; I work part-time. Bill and I get along just fine. He is easy to talk to, and we're very good friends. I don't want to lose that. But there is absolutely no passion in our relationship and never was.

I married Bill because it "was time." He feels more like a brother than a husband. I don't want to hurt my children, but I can't pretend any longer. I am attracted to other men. I'm afraid I'm going to start hating him because I feel so trapped.

I don't know what to do. I just want to stop pretending. We have both spoken to professionals and I have talked to my priest. I told Bill a little about how I feel—that I don't love him the way a woman should love a man. He just keeps on trying—buying me flowers, doing all the right things. It doesn't matter. It just makes me angry. Could you please offer me some suggestions? I have read your column since I was a teen, and I value your opinion. Thanks.

HAD IT IN HARTFORD, CONN.

**DEAR HAD IT:** Let me get this straight—you married your husband under false pretenses and have lied to him for 20 years. Both of you have my sympathy.

The best advice I can offer is to think long and hard about what you have now and what you "might" have in the future. Believe me, there are NO GUARANTEES and expectations have changed a lot since you were in the dating and mating market. If you really cannot love your husband the way he should to be loved—and counseling won't help—then let him go. He deserves better.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mother died recently after suffering a stroke. Immediately following her death, one of my father's more painful tasks was notifying various agencies: Social Security, retirement benefits and so on. Dad shook his head in amazement as all but one of the people he notified simply fired off a series of questions, thanked him curtly and hung up. Only one civil servant proved to be truly civil, prefacing the conversation with, "I'm sorry for your loss."

Abby, I know people who work in government and private pension departments receive many calls about deaths every day. That doesn't make each death less sad, or each call less difficult for the person picking up the phone and dialing. We can connect on a human level even through layers of officialdom and technology. A few simple, sympathetic words can make a world of difference in the dark days following the loss of a loved one.

NANCY IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

**DEAR NANCY:** Perhaps it's a self-protective mechanism when people who work with case numbers, files and statistics lose sight of the fact that behind that information are broken hearts and grieving families. Thank you for the reminder. I'm sure no one meant to be cruel. What you have described is an example of people who have become desensitized.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

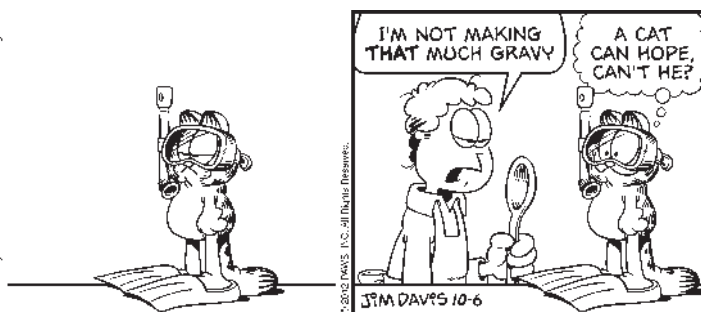
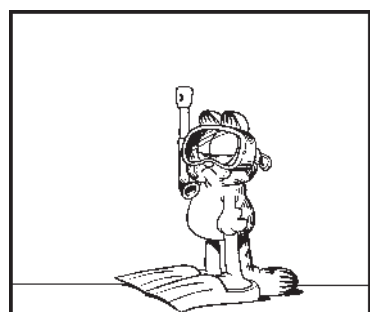
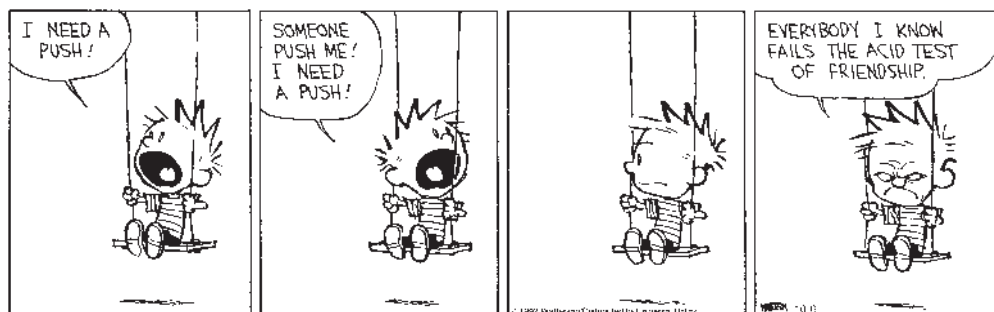
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By Bill Waterson

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

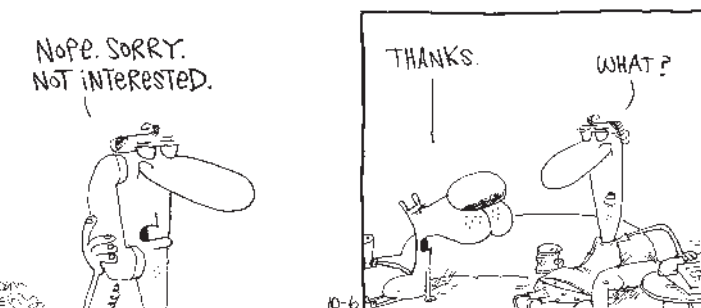
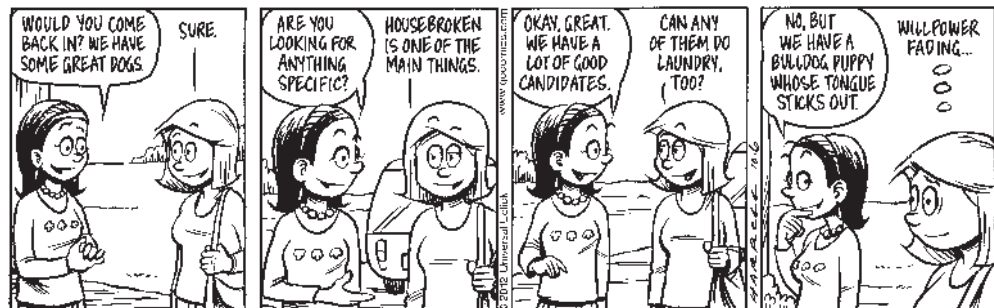


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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12 Censoring sounds  
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22 "Go, team!"  
23 Get ready  
24 Fiery crime  
26 Audience  
28 Jazz style  
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31 Risk  
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39 Boring  
40 Petrol

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6 Embarrassed chap  
7 Chimney channel  
8 CSA soldier  
9 Body of work  
10 More agile  
11 Trattoria fare  
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23 Hog the mirror  
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34 Long crosser  
36 Antacid reducer, for short  
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48 That guy  
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**Yesterday's answer 10-6**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jeremy Sisto, 38; Amy Jo Johnson, 42; Elisabeth Shue, 49; Britt Ekland, 70.

**Happy Birthday:** Gauging your time will be tricky. Learning while you move forward will help you speed up as you reach the finish line. Determination and relentless courage will help you find shortcuts as well as impress onlookers. An ability to adapt to whatever you face will prove valuable and will be a deciding factor when measuring your success. Your numbers are 4, 13, 23, 26, 31, 40, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't jump to conclusions or make an impulsive move regarding your position or reputation. Sit back and let things unfold naturally. A past partner will have something to offer you. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Join in and work toward a cause you believe in with like-minded people. You'll be able to find practical solutions that are based on experience, but may be unusual for the purpose you suggest. Don't be shy; take credit and prosper. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Physical challenges will lead to fatigue. Try not to overdo or make promises that will stretch you past your capabilities. You need to regroup and reiterate what you can and cannot pursue. An unpredictable relationship will weigh on you emotionally. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Expand your interests and cultural and philosophical awareness. Interaction with others will lead to new friendships and partnerships. A

chance to improve your position will result if you promote the services you can offer. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Changes at home will cause you to re-evaluate your motives and future needs. Consider the restrictions you face and you will find a way to eradicate the disruptions you are experiencing. Don't be dramatic. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put more effort into your appearance and the knowledge you need to get ahead. Self-improvement will pay off, whereas trying to change someone else will be fruitless. Happiness begins within. Adjust your life to suit your personality and what you want. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can pick up valuable information if you listen and observe what others do and say. Traveling and educational pursuits will be stimulating and lead to new friendships and possible job opportunities. Prepare for an exciting new cycle. Reach for the stars. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Renovate, redecorate or simply make personal changes at home that will make you feel more comfortable. Romance is highlighted. Finding a way to pursue your professional dreams and including someone you love will lead to greater success. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Confusion regarding a relationship with a friend, lover or family member is evident. Refrain from making a decision or change based on hearsay alone. Expand a creative hobby

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you have and you may be able to turn it into a profitable business. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Get down to business and sort through any unfinished paperwork you have that is holding you back. Your financial situation needs adjusting if you are going to make the most in return for what you have invested. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Explore your options and you'll find an innovative way to start a trend or to turn a skill you have into a service that is in demand. Networking will allow you to present and promote what you have to offer. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Idle time will work against you. Concentrate on ways to improve your prospects for the future. A deal, contract or unique way of raising money will lead to greater freedom. Love is on the horizon, but it may turn out to be expensive. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are caring and sensitive. You are a loyal friend and a passionate lover. Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

10/06

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

HELEN GURLEY BROWN (1922-2012)

Solution: 10 letters

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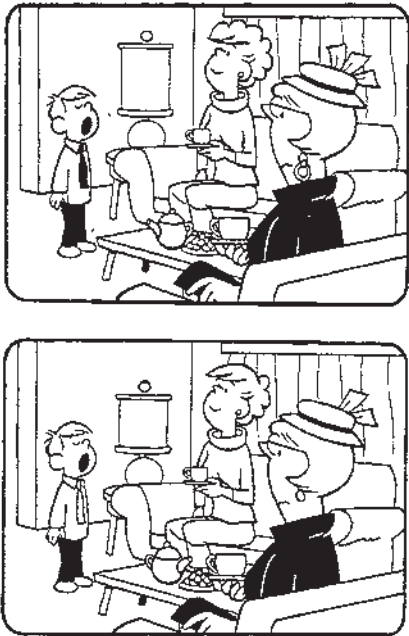
Yesterday's Answer: Commonwealth

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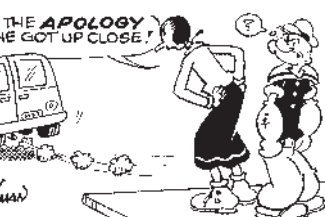
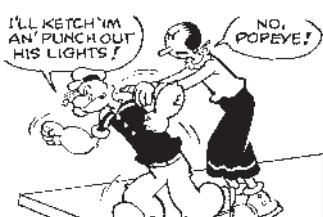
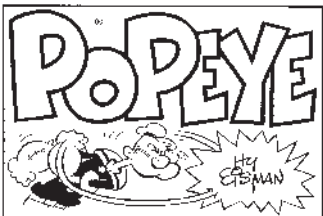


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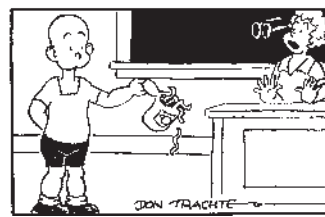
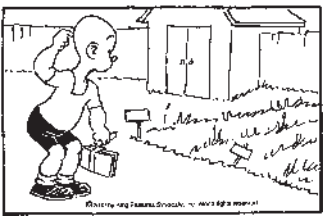
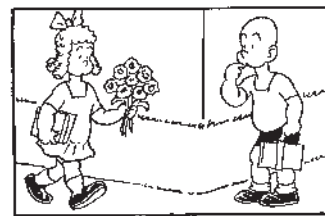
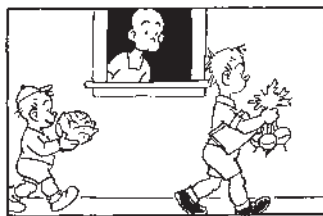
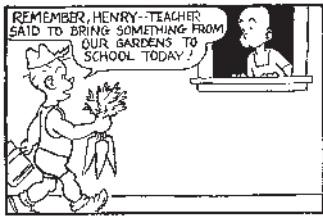
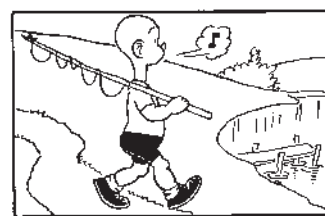
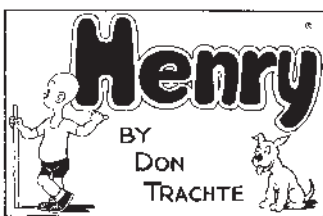
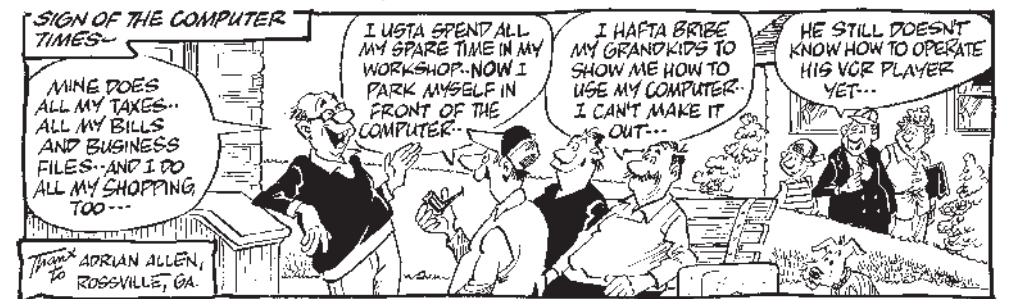
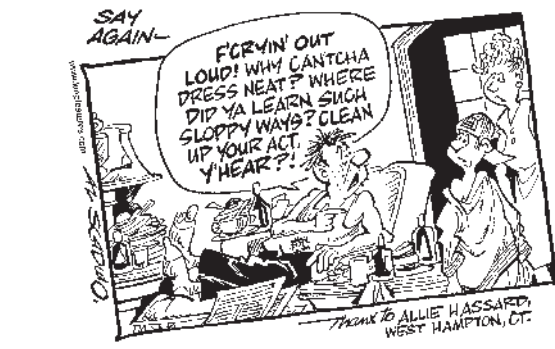
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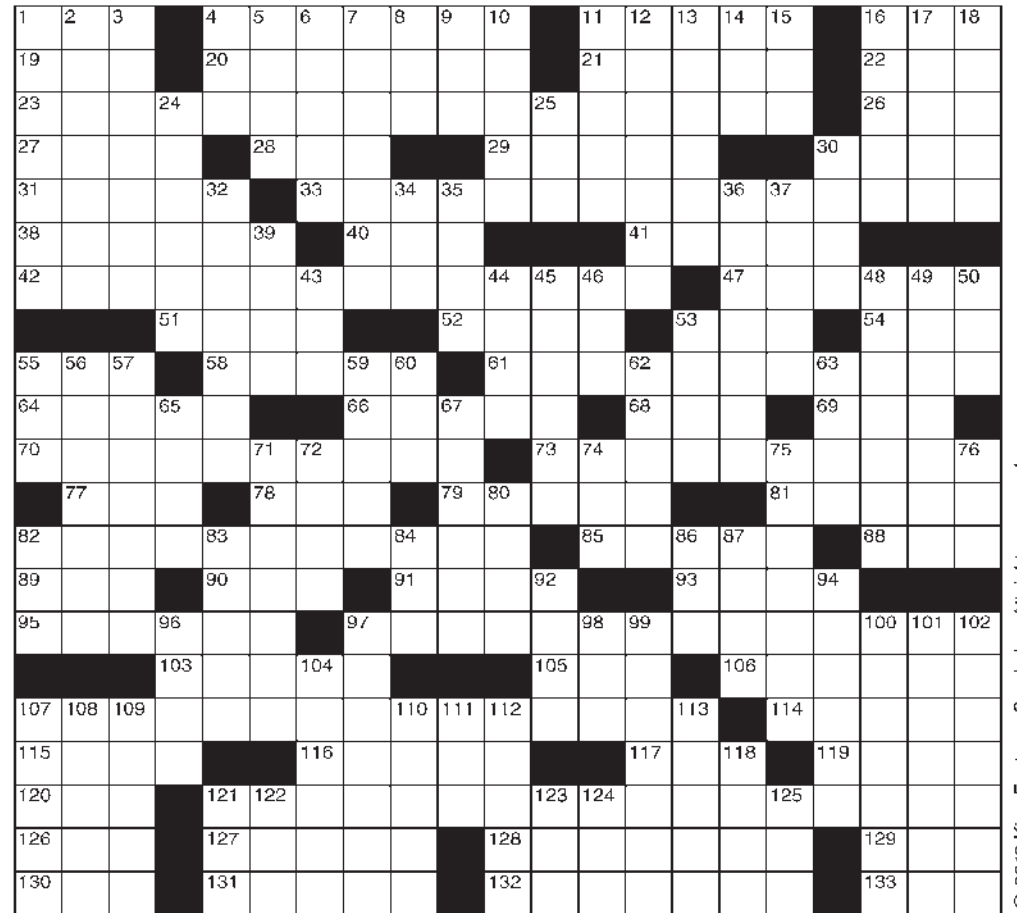
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Learning ctr.  
4 Puts garments on  
11 Jim-dandy  
16 Place for a jacuzzi  
19 Man-mouse middle  
20 One using twisted humor  
21 Spanish for "nine"  
22 Bath fixture  
23 1995 Denzel Washington neo-noir film  
26 Round figure  
27 Church shout  
28 Comic punch response  
29 Royal rule  
30 Thus  
31 — City, Oklahoma  
33 1987 Stanley Kubrick war film  
38 Low tie score  
40 Wade's rival  
41 New York village on the Hudson  
42 1942 Abbott and Costello comedy  
47 Like liquid splashing  
51 This, in Peru
- 52 'Me neither'  
53 Ostrich's kin  
54 Actress Sara Myers  
55 Din-din wear  
58 Ethical  
61 1964 Avalon/Funicello musical comedy  
64 China's Chou  
66 The Home Depot rival  
68 RR bldg.  
69 — for trouble  
70 With 73-Across, 1985 Tom Hanks comedy  
73 See 70-Across  
77 Suffix with malt  
78 Grain morsel  
79 Owner of the dog Sandy  
81 "Who can — to?"  
82 1988 Christopher Walken children's comedy  
85 Maul lightly  
88 — dog (stray cur)  
89 Resort to  
90 — Dawn Chong  
91 Broiling spot  
93 One way to store data  
95 Total chaos  
97 2003 Mike Myers comedy  
103 Lend — (be attentive)  
105 Black goop  
106 Madrid misters  
107 With 121-Across, 2005 dramedy with four lead actresses  
114 Silklike fabric  
115 Talk wildly  
116 "Sin City" actor Rutger  
117 Rapa — (Easter Island)  
119 Lose flab  
120 "How — you doing?"  
121 See 107-Across  
126 Belief suffix  
127 Cupid's boss  
128 Bill modifier, e.g.  
129 Summer, in Aix  
130 Your, biblically  
131 Spanish for "the sun"  
132 Really wishes one could  
133 Mates of pas
- DOWN**
- 1 Fizzy drink  
2 City in Italy  
3 New — (certain Connecticut resident)  
4 Feel malaise  
5 Small combo  
6 Like a — bricks  
7 Totally raging  
8 Cut of meat  
9 Subj. for some aliens  
10 — und Drang  
11 "— came to pass ..."  
12 The Little Rascals  
13 With acuity  
14 Colorado NHLers  
15 "Affirmative"  
16 Baby bird?  
17 Cleanse  
18 Top monk  
24 Encrypted  
25 Vice foot-wear spec  
30 Marc of fashion  
32 Inability to smell  
34 L.A. part  
35 Show bias  
36 Pale yellow  
37 "I met her in — down in old Soho" ("Lola" lyrics)
- 39 Within: Prefix  
43 Injure  
44 Judicial garb  
45 Prayer  
46 Ending for beat  
48 Major wreck  
49 Smoking wood  
50 Slangy affirmative  
53 —'acte  
55 Vegas stake  
56 Done by its own staff  
57 Sanctified  
59 Bush nominee Samuel  
60 Whole bunch  
62 "— bad moon rising"  
63 Dawnward  
65 Spy Aldrich  
67 "— you been up to?"  
71 Unflamous folks  
72 "... gyre and gimble in the —": Carroll  
74 Pinch lightly  
75 Excavating machine  
76 Propyl ender  
80 Tiny div. of a minute  
82 Soho saloon  
83 Tehrani, e.g.  
84 Cry of delight  
86 Got the title  
87 Social pests  
92 Alliance since '49  
94 "Don't mention it," in Durango  
96 Concluding  
97 Give, as a free meal  
98 Small amount  
99 Laundry job  
100 Ad — attack  
101 Short opera piece  
102 Frightful flies  
104 Greek capital  
107 Idiosyncrasy  
108 Stringent  
109 Hostile party  
110 Backwoods  
111 "Isn't — bit like you and me?" (Beales lyric)  
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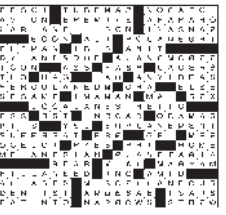
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- ART: Where is the world-famous Prado museum located?
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- NATURAL WORLD: Where would stalagmites be found in a natural cave formation?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Persepolis located?
- SCIENCE: What was the first elementary particle to be discovered?
- MUSIC: What is the national anthem of Canada?
- COMPUTERS: What does the acronym DOS stand for?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, "I worked my way up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty."
- LANGUAGE: What is an atelier?

10. Artist's studio
9. Groucho Marx
8. Disk Operating System
7. "O Canada"
6. The electron
5. Modern-day Iran (formerly Persia)
4. The cone-shaped deposits rise from the floor of a cave
3. Cocoa Puffs
2. Upper arm
1. Madrid, Spain

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# Red Sox fire Valentine after tumultuous season



**BOSTON**

(AP) —The Boston Red Sox thought Bobby Valentine would restore order to a coddled clubhouse that disintegrated during the 2011 pennant race.

Instead, he only caused more problems.

The brash and supremely confident manager was fired on Thursday, the day after the finale of a season beset with internal sniping and far too many losses. Valentine went 69-93 in his only year in Boston, the ballclub's worst in almost 50 years.

"I understand this decision," Valentine said in a statement released by the team. "This year in Boston has been an incredible experience for me, but I am as disappointed in the results as are ownership and the great fans of Red Sox Nation. ... I'm sure next year will be a turnaround year."

A baseball savant who won the NL pennant with the New York Mets and won it all in Japan, Valentine was brought in after two-time World Series champion Terry Francona lost control of the clubhouse during an unprecedented September collapse.

But the players who took advantage of Francona's hands-off approach to gorge on fried chicken and beer during games bristled at Valentine's abrasive style.

More importantly, they didn't win for him, either.

"We felt it was the right decision for that team at that time," general manager Ben Cherington said on Thursday in an interview at Fenway Park. "It hasn't worked out, because the season has been a great disappointment. That's not on Bobby Valentine; that's on all of us. We felt that in order to move forward and have a fresh start, we need to start anew in the manager's office."

Under Valentine, the Red Sox started 4-10 and didn't break .500 until after Memorial Day. By August, when the contenders were setting their playoff roster, the Red Sox knew they would not be among them and traded several of their best players—and biggest salaries—to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Without Adrian Gonzalez, Carl Crawford and Josh Beckett, the Red Sox will save \$250 million in future salaries and have a chance to rebuild over the winter.

But that will be too late for Valentine.

"We have gratitude for him, respect for him and affection for him, and we're not going to get into what his inabilities were, what his issues were," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said. "I just don't think it's fair."

Cherington, who replaced Theo Epstein last offseason, will lead the search for a new manager. The team's top target

is current Toronto manager and former Red Sox pitching coach John Farrell, who has a year left on his deal with the Blue Jays.

Cherington said he has thought about potential successors but declined to comment on specific individuals. He said he is looking for someone "who can establish a culture in the clubhouse that allows players to perform, and sets a standard."

"And we need to find a person that can bring some stability to that office," Cherington said. "When we hired Bobby, the roster was fairly mature and we felt, mistakenly, in retrospect, that we had a chance to win and the team was ready to win. We're now at a different point. We're trying to build the next good Red Sox team, so it's a little bit different."

A year after a 7-20 September cost the Red Sox a chance at the postseason, the club went 7-22 in September and October to close its worst season since 1965. Boston lost its last eight games, failing even in its role of spoiler as it was swept down the stretch by playoff contenders Tampa Bay, Baltimore and the rival New York Yankees.

That left the Red Sox in last place—26 games out—for the first time since 1992 and out of the playoffs for the third year in a row.

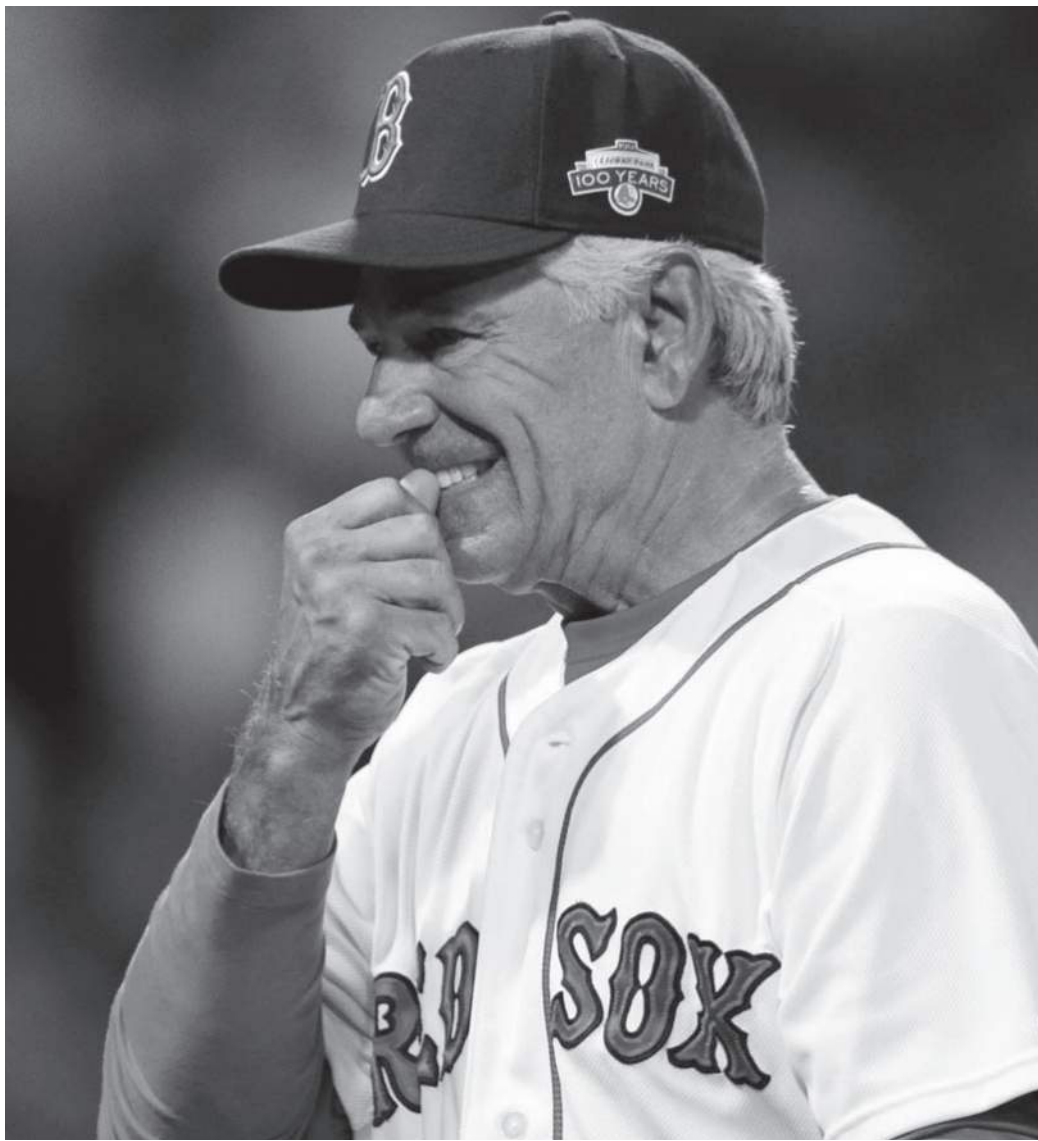
"This year's won-loss record reflects a season of agony. It begs for changes," Lucchino said. "We are determined to fix that which is broken and return the Red Sox to the level of success we have experienced over the past decade."

What was supposed to be a season of celebration for Fenway's 100th anniversary was instead the worst under the current management, which bought the team in 2002. And though injuries probably doomed the Red Sox anyway—they used a franchise record 56 players—Valentine's clumsy handling of his players forced him into frequent apologies that undermined his authority in the clubhouse.

"There's no single reason why we had this dismal of a season," Lucchino said. "But certainly the epidemic of injuries and the injuries to key players were major factors. ... Do I think there's an element of unfairness, given the shortness of his duration, given the injury problems. ... I think there is."

The Red Sox had the AL's best record and a nine-game lead in the wild-card race on Sept. 1, 2011, before missing out on a playoff berth on the final day of the season. Francona, who led the Red Sox to Series titles in 2004 and again in 2007, was let go after admitting that he had lost his touch in the clubhouse.

To replace him, the Red Sox picked Valentine, who took the New York Mets to the 2000 World Series and won a champi-



This April 17, 2012 file photo shows Boston Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine walking back to the dugout after removing starting pitcher Jon Lester during the third inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox fired Valentine on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, after one season in which he failed to bring order to a clubhouse that disintegrated during the 2011 pennant race.

## One-game wild-card playoffs: Dramatic, but fair?

**NEW YORK (AP)**--By sometime Friday night, either Chipper Jones will be out of baseball or the defending World Series champion Cardinals will be out of the playoffs.

One and done.

A pair of wild-card matchups - St. Louis at Atlanta, then Baltimore at Texas - to decide which teams advance to the next round. Part of the new, expanded postseason format, where 162 games, six months of grinding and upward of 50,000 pitches get boiled down to nine all-or-nothing innings.

Dramatic? Certainly. Fair? Well, depends on who you ask.

"I hate it. I'm old-school. I'm old," Washington manager Davey Johnson said.

At 69, he has a vested interest. His NL East champion Nationals will visit the Cardinals-Braves winner Sunday in Game 1 of the division series.

Cleveland closer Chris Perez said. "If you are in it, or watching it as a fan, it doesn't get any more exciting."

Or, as Texas general manager Jon Daniels summed up on the eve of his team's big game: "I'll let you know tomorrow."

Clearly, several sides to this debate.

Major League Baseball hoped to get more clubs involved in postseason races, and the Angels, Dodgers, Brewers, Rays and Pirates were among

those that enjoyed the chase this year.

There also was some sentiment that wild-card teams were getting it too easy and winning the World Series too often, as the Cardinals did last season. By adding an extra playoff club in each league and then forcing it to play in a winner-take-all game, it could make the path tougher.

That's OK by Cardinals manager Mike Matheny, whose team clinched the majors' final playoff spot this year.

"We're ecstatic. We'd be home right now. We'd be spectators, so we're exceptionally happy about the format," he said.

"The fact that we have to use up a pitcher, it makes sense to me. I believe the team that wins the division ought to have an advantage. I think it's been well done," he said.

On the other hand, a club that runs into the wrong pitcher could be eliminated in a hurry.

"I think for teams like Atlanta—who had an unbelievable year, and it could be ruined by one game—it's probably unfair," Washington first baseman Adam LaRoche said.

"Now, in one game, any given day, a college team could beat a big league team. It's just the way the ball rolls. So I don't know how much one game proves as far as who

deserves to move on," he said. "You almost have to do it two out of three. But then you get other teams sitting around for a week. So I don't know the right way to do it."

Braves second baseman Dan Uggla isn't a fan.

"I'm not for this new playoff thing at all," he said. "They're kind of messing things up for everybody."

This could be the last game for Uggla's star teammate, with Jones set to retire at age 40.

Orioles All-Star center fielder Adam Jones also is in jeopardy. His team returns to the postseason for the first time since 1997, but could be ousted before it gets a home playoff game.

"I'm sure there are some people in Baltimore that are frustrated. Of course you want Camden Yards rocking," he said.

"This is the situation we put ourselves in. We're happy to be in the situation, and we're going to take full advantage of the opportunity," he said.

This is not the first time a whole season has come down to one game.

Baseball history is filled with thrilling one-game playoffs—the Bucky Dent home run in 1978, Matt Holliday heading home in the 13th inning in 2007, among others. But those came about naturally, tiebreakers forced by final-day developments.

onship in Japan but hadn't managed in the majors in 10 years. The move was an intentional and abrupt attempt to change a culture that enabled pitchers to drink beer and eat fried chicken in the clubhouse during games on their off-nights.

On that, Valentine delivered immediately: He banned beer from the clubhouse, and didn't hesitate to criticize his own players publicly—something Francona took pains to avoid.

But even before the season began, injuries began tearing the roster apart.

Crawford missed much of the season, joining pitchers John Lackey and Daisuke Matsuzaka on the disabled list before opening day. Potential closers Andrew Bailey and Bobby Jenks had offseason surgery; Jacoby Ellsbury, David Ortiz, Clay Buchholz, Dustin Pedroia, Beckett and Youkilis also spent time on the DL.

And many of those who remained resented the new accountability.

Kevin Youkilis lashed back after Valentine said he wasn't as "into the game" as before, and Pedroia came to his teammate's defense, saying, "That's not the way we go about our stuff around here."

"He'll figure that out. The whole team is behind Youk. We have each other's backs here," Pedroia said. "Maybe that works in Japan."

In August, management gave up on 2012 and unloaded several of the team's most burdensome salaries on the Dodgers. Los Angeles also missed the playoffs.

Although Cherington openly conceded the season, Valentine refused to do so. Asked during his weekly radio show if he had "checked out," Valentine jokingly said he should punch the host in the nose. (He showed up for their next interview with boxing gloves.)

In mid-September, with Boston's Triple-A team in the playoffs and reinforcements scarce, Valentine called the Red Sox "the weakest roster we've ever had in September in the history of baseball."

Again, he was forced to back-track.

(But, again, he was probably right.)

Ultimately, Valentine will be judged on his record.

And it was dreadful.

"I don't know how it could be more challenging than this season," Valentine said after saying goodbye to his players following Wednesday night's season-ending loss to the Yankees.

"As I told them, they're not defined as people by their record or the season. They're defined by who they are, not what they are. They were part of a really lousy season, but they gave a hell of an effort every day."

# Rams get 9 sacks, bust Cardinals' unbeaten run



ST. LOUIS (AP)—Sam Bradford missed high, low, left, right.

After capping the St. Louis Rams' opening drive with a touchdown pass to Lance Kendricks, the former No. 1 overall pick endured an 0-for-12 slump that included Patrick Peterson's interception in the end zone on a pass tossed up for grabs under heavy pressure.

No worries. The Rams' rapidly-improving defense saw to that.

"Those guys played outstanding," Bradford said after the Rams knocked off the previously unbeaten Arizona Cardinals 17-3 on Thursday night. "They've played great all year and they have kept us in a lot of games."

Bradford busted out of his funk with a 52-yard touchdown pass to rookie Chris Givens for a two-TD cushion and Robert Quinn had three of the Rams' nine sacks on Kevin Kolb to keep the Cardinals in check.

The Rams have three first-round picks on the defensive line and the fourth, tackle Kendall Langford, was a key free-agent pickup.

"We believe in ourselves," Quinn said. "We believe we can be one of the great defenses. When there was a play to be made, we made it."

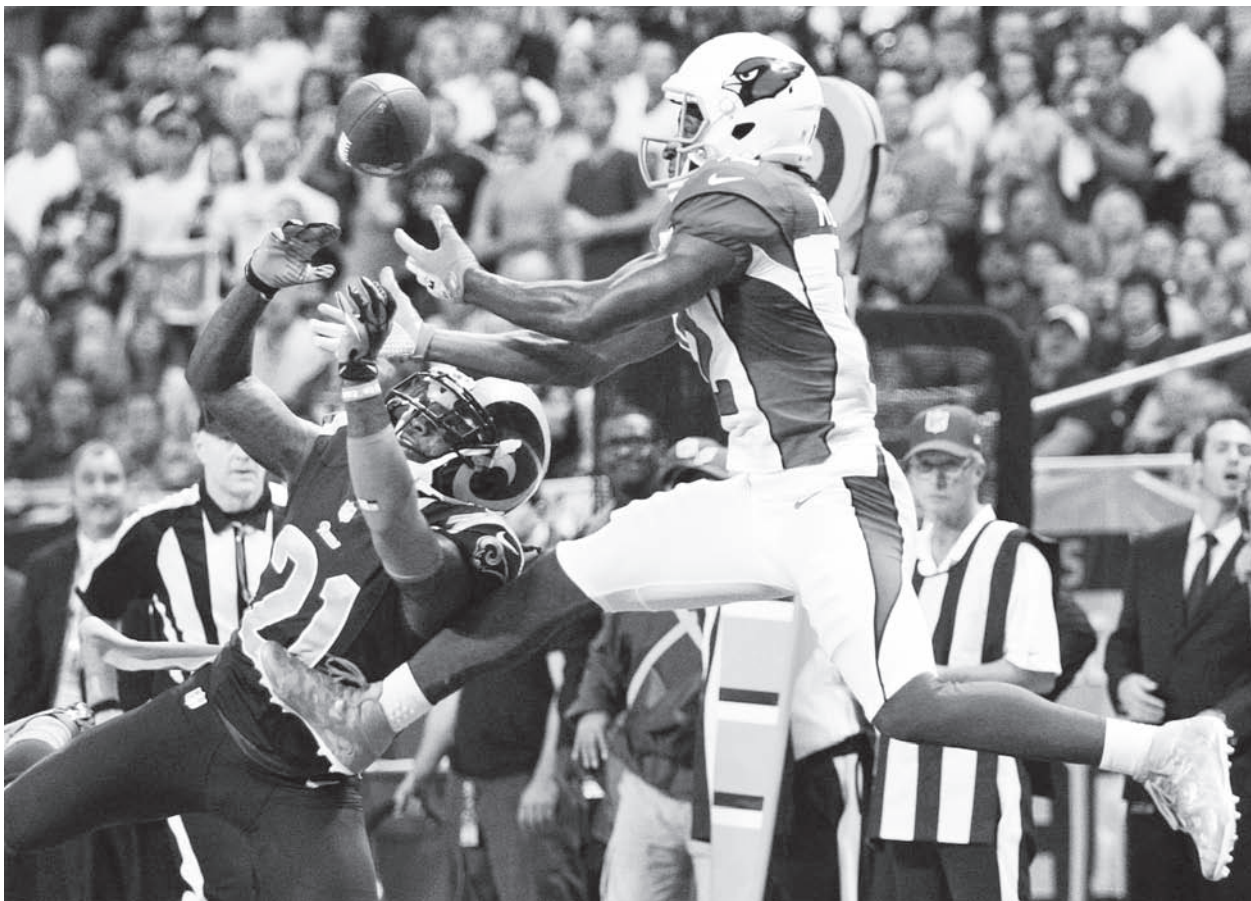
Arizona (4-1) scored at least 20 points in each of its first four games, but had no luck containing a pass rush that had totaled just six sacks on the year, and got stopped twice inside the 20 in the final minutes. The Rams also had a strong defensive game last week in a 19-13 victory over Seattle, also at home.

Kolb got his helmet knocked off twice on hits, once after getting popped in the jaw. He described the Cardinals' first-half woes as "sickening."

"I'm all right," Kolb said. "I'm glad we've got the weekend to heal up, mentally and physically."

The Rams also limited the Cardinals to 45 yards rushing on 17 carries.

"Bottom line, they decided they wanted to throw the ball a lot and that made it kind of a track meet," Rams defensive end Chris Long said. "We've been waiting a long time to feel like



St. Louis Rams cornerback Janoris Jenkins, left, breaks up a pass intended for Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Andre Roberts during the second quarter of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, in St. Louis.

we've done our job on defense."

Kendricks caught a 7-yard TD pass in the first quarter and Greg Zuerlein kicked a 53-yard field goal in the second quarter for the Rams (3-2), who are 3-0 at home and ended Arizona's seven-game winning streak in St. Louis - the Cardinals' home before leaving for the desert in 1988.

"I didn't like anything," coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "The thing I respected is our guys didn't quit, and even as bad as it went we had a chance at the end of the game."

The Rams totaled two victories last year but so far have executed a quick turnaround under new coach Jeff Fisher. They're 3-0 at home for the first time since 2003, when they were unbeaten in the Edward Jones Dome and they're above .500 for the first time since they were 4-3 on Nov. 4, 2006.

"I've never been there before," Long said. "I'm unfamiliar with the sound of it, but I'm liking it."

Bradford finished 7 for 21 for 141 yards, the second-lowest total of his career. He threw for 126 yards against Tampa Bay his rookie year in 2010.

Before the second TD pass, he had been 3 for 16 overall for just 25 yards, often missing on his receivers by a lot. Undoubtedly, he missed Danny Amendola, sidelined in the second quarter with a right shoulder injury on a diving attempt that was initially ruled a 22-yard catch for a first down but overturned after the Cardinals challenged.

Amendola perhaps hinted at the extent of the injury when he flung his helmet, with his left hand, while walking in a tunnel to get X-Rays. He had the arm in a sling after the game, but the Rams did not make him available to reporters.

## Moore shoots 61 to take Las Vegas lead

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Ryan Moore matched the course record and his career best with a 10-under 61 on Thursday in the first round of the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

The former UNLV player had nine birdies, an eagle - on the 341-yard, par-4 15th - and a bogey in perfect conditions at TPC Summerlin to take a one-stroke lead in the Fall Series opener.

"Just one of those nice days," Moore said. "Got off to a great start. Kind of 7 under on the front nine and just kind of cruised the next nine. Made bogey there on my 17th hole, No. 8, which I wasn't too happy about. It was great to bounce back with a birdie on the ninth hole."

"No wind and perfect temperature, greens are reasonably soft and rolling nice on top of that. So it's one of those days that you just keep putting it in play. You know you're going to have a bunch of pitching wedges, 9-irons, 8-irons into these greens, and a few shorter irons, too."



Brendon de Jonge had a 62, and Tim Herron and John Huh shot 63. Justin Leonard, Chris Kirk and Jonas Blixt were three strokes back at 64. Kirk eagled the 15th and par-5 16th.

Moore also shot a 61 this season in the Humana Challenge on PGA West's Nicklaus Course. The Las Vegas resident has seven top-10 finishes and is 36th on the money list. The final top 30 will receive spots in the Masters.

Moore tied the TPC Summerlin record set by Davis Love III in 2001 and matched by Tag Ridings in 2004 and Hunter Haas in 2011. Chip Beck holds the overall tournament record, shooting a 59 in 1991 at Sunrise Golf Club.

"I had no idea that was the course record, so that's nice," Moore said. "I've just been playing good, solid golf lately. Just kind of keep hitting the ball solid and giving myself opportunities. On a golf course like this, I'm probably more comfortable. I've played it more this year than any other coming into it."

He won the 2009 Wyndham Championship for his lone PGA Tour title.

De Jonge saved par on the 15th hole after driving onto the front right bunker, then lining his next shot into the back left bunker. But he hit his third from 70 feet within 2 feet of the hole.

"It wasn't a very good lie," de Jonge said about his 70-foot shot. "I was trying to get under it, and to be honest, I half shanked it. I was kind of lucky that it caught the lip on the way out."

Herron was just glad to be back in action after having the last six weeks off.

"I didn't hit it terrible, but I didn't feel like I was quite really on my game," Herron said. "Maybe that's just taking six weeks off. Hopefully, I can get some confidence and hit some of the shots when I really need to hit some shots."

Two-time heart transplant recipient Erik Compton had a 66, and defending champion Kevin Na opened with a 68. Casey Martin shot a 71. The Oregon coach, playing on a sponsor exemption, is allowed to use a cart in competition because of a rare circulatory disorder in his right leg.

The Rams, ranked 27th in offense, came out throwing, with Bradford completing passes of 14 yards to Brandon Gibson and 44 yards to Amendola

## Rasheed Wallace ends retirement to join Knicks

GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—The quiet of Rasheed Wallace's retirement in North Carolina was interrupted last spring by a call from an old coach.

"Out of the blue, coach Woody called me like, 'Young fella, what are you doing?'" Wallace said of Mike Woodson.

"I'm like, 'Uh, you know, just down here enjoying life, enjoying the summer, down here with my mom, taking it easy,'" Wallace recalled. "That's all I was doing pretty much."

Woodson had something else in mind.

The Knicks coach wanted depth in his frontcourt and remembered the success he and Wallace had in Detroit on Larry Brown's 2004 NBA championship team. So they were back together Wednesday—an older, mellowed Wallace ending a two-year retirement to sign with the Knicks.

"We have a good history coming from Detroit," Wallace said. "We won one together, so he asked me if I still want to play. I said, 'I'll come up there and see what I can do for you.'"

Woodson isn't sure what that might be, using the term "only time will tell" at least three times when asked about Wallace's potential. But the Knicks were young and thin in the frontcourt last season, so he figures it's wise to give the four-time All-Star a shot.

"The fact that he's asked to come out of retirement and play, for me it's great to give him a shot because I remember the good times," Woodson said. "I don't know if he still has it yet until he gets out here and he starts working and playing, but only time will tell."

Wallace said he decided in late August after a few conversations with

on the first two plays, setting up the score to Kendricks on third down. It was the first offensive touchdown in three games for St. Louis.

Arizona responded with a drive that lasted 9:24, ending with Jay Feely's 35-yard field goal. The Cardinals kept the drive alive with three third-down conversions. Larry Fitzgerald's 5-yard catch on the first play of the drive marked the 122nd straight game with a catch, a franchise record.

Zuerlein, a sixth-round draft pick out of Missouri Western, made it 10-3 early in the second quarter. He is 13 for 13 this season, including four kicks of 50-plus yards.

Feely missed a 40-yard field goal late in the second quarter.

Bradford was 3 for 4 for 65 yards on the opening drive before cooling off. St. Louis was well within Zuerlein's range at the Arizona 16 late in the third quarter when a pass was intercepted by Peterson in the back of the end zone.

Arizona's loss leaves Atlanta and Houston as the only remaining unbeaten teams. The Cardinals were still the St. Louis Cardinals the last time they were 4-0, in 1974. Known as the "Big Red," those Cardinals won their first seven that season en route to a 10-4 record, before losing in the first round of the playoffs to Minnesota.

The loss was only the Cardinals' third in 14 games since starting the 2011 season 1-6.

Woodson to attempt the comeback. He cited his respect for the laid-back Woodson, an assistant under Brown whom Wallace credited with calming down the player who once racked up 40 technical fouls in a season.

The 38-year-old Wallace last played for the Boston Celtics in the 2009-10 season. Terms of his contract were not announced, but the Knicks could offer only the veteran's minimum of about \$1.7 million.

Wallace averaged 14.6 points

and 6.7 rebounds in 15 seasons. The temperamental 6-foot-11 forward was whistled for 308 technical fouls, according to STATS, LLC, easily the most in the league during that span. He led the league seven times, including his final season.

But with plenty of gray sprinkled in his hair, Wallace says his clashes with referees and the media are a thing of the past.

"I'm too old for that," Wallace said. "My kids are older now, so I'm too old for that."

The former North Carolina Tar Heel had returned to Chapel Hill, working out with college players and competing in pro-am leagues. He now takes his place with a group of reserves some 20 years older than the guys he's been around. Kurt Thomas turns 40 on Thursday, Jason Kidd is 39 and Marcus Camby also 38.

Woodson isn't expecting Wallace to play a big role, and Wallace understands he's not coming to New York to have one. If he makes the team, he'll back up center Tyson Chandler and forward Amare Stoudemire, bringing his tough, interior defense and good perimeter shooting that made him such a versatile player.



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after the early blip as their starting pitcher, Jake Santos, dialed in two 1-2-3 innings to keep the group in pursuit.

Guerrero started strong and forced a three up and three down inning to close the top half of the fourth, however Orioles' reliever, Mike Muna, took the ball in the bottom frame and answered with a clean run, also through just three batters. The Reds' Peter Lieto then led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a base hit, but was caught trying to steal third base during the third batter's plate appearance.

Then in the top of the fifth inning, Orioles' Gayvan Uchau belted a one-out single and scored off a passed ball to knot the match at 1-all, forcing Lieto to take over at the mound. Lieto's first man, Dave Hosono, reached on a fielder's choice and also went on to touch home, scoring off a passed ball, as the former struggled to find his zone.

Lieto hung tough, however, and left the O's with a man at second base, but Muna cut through the bottom trio of the Reds lineup in the bottom frame.

Lieto then fanned three batters and stranded a man at third base in the top of the sixth, but Muna stood tall again on the mound and put the Orioles three outs away from victory.

Later in the top of the seventh inning, Guerrero was called back to the mound with one out and a man at first base, as Lieto exceeded his pitch count, and the Orioles worked a walk before stringing together three base smashes that brought

around the insurance.

The Orioles' thick of the order, made up of Frankie Camacho, Jun Rabauliman, and A.J. Lizama jacked the singles with the latter benefiting in the form of two RBIs.

Notably, the Orioles' Carlos Rabauliman scored earlier in the frame off a wild throw from third base, which may have also played a role in the wheels coming off for the Reds.

In the end, Orioles' closer, Lizama, secured the save with proficiency and bagged two ground outs before his teammates caught the last man in the path.

Kudos to the Orioles' defense for buying their offense some time. All the O's' six hits came in the last three innings, which fortunately for them came packaged with some passed balls and untimely errors.

The Reds were limited to just three hits and managed only four additional runners via errors or bases on balls. However, of the seven total base runners, three were caught out in the path, which caused twice as many abrupt stops.

Meanwhile, the Reds look to rebound against the third place Dodgers (5-6) today at 4pm, while the Rockies (2-10) square off against the Orioles at 6pm.

In related news, league organizers have reduced the original game schedule to give coaches and players time to prepare for the 2013 Little League Baseball, Inc. season. The slight adjustment reduced the total games per team from 21 to 18. Organizers also recently met with coaches and agreed to utilize a Page System playoff format, which is set to start on Oct. 20. This leaves eight matches left in the regular season.

Thursday with the MHS Blue Dolphins battling the GCA Eagles on the north court at 4:30pm and the SIS White Geckos challenging the MHS Yellow Dolphins on the south square. Then at 5:30pm, Southern will square off against the SIS Green Geckos on the north end, while the MCS Knights will duel the KHS Ayuyus on the south side.

could not get enough shots to fall in the clutch and were eventually consumed by the Ol'Aces' pressure defense in the final minutes.

It took six different Ol'Aces players to help bring home the win, as Aguilar, Teregeyo, and Derrick Olopai finished with 8 points each. Rollon scrambled for 22 on the short end for LD Prime, missing the support of point guard Carl Aldan, who managed to convert only one basket.

Meanwhile, U16 division games pick up today with the CNMI Junior National Girls Basketball Team (2-0) colliding against Hi-5 (0-2) at 9am and Matson Consulting Proa (1-1) facing RBC's D-South at 10:15am. Then at 11:30am, Rollers 1 (2-0) and 2 (1-1) take the floor to close out the day.

There will be no games on Monday and the action in the U20 division will resume on Tuesday with the Ol'Aces clashing with Kagman at 5:30pm.

**Oleai Ol'Aces 51**—Aguilar 8, Olopai 8, Teregeyo 8, C Rangamar 5, Lisua 5, Mendiola 5, Alfred 4, C. Rangamar 4, Rogolifo 2, Kaipat 2.

**LD Prime 44**—Rollon 22, David 12, Quemado 8, Aldan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 7-5, 11-19, 33-30, 51-44.

# Jones nabs Amigo's September Ace

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Sherlyn Jones came away victorious in the Amigo Golf Club's September Ace of the Month tournament.

Jones topped the qualifier held at the Kingfisher Golf Links on Sept. 9, winning by nine strokes. She grossed an 81 and had a net 63 to beat 13 others.

Then in the Sept. 23 tournament at Coral Ocean Point, Jones kept her poise under pressure and scratched an even 90 raw score and 72 net. Her 135 net total was nine strokes ahead of runner-up Frank Sablan (144). Coming in at third was Dr. Larry Hocog (156), while Joe Tudela (160) placed fourth.

With Jones bagging the September

Ace, only three spots are left in the Amigo Ace of Aces finale tournament.

Jones joins January Ace Sablan Jr., February's Doll Yamagishi, March's Ben Jones Sr., April's Ben Jones Jr., May's Lorraine Babauta, June's Terry Guerrero, July's Felix Sasamoto, and August's Diding Hocog.

Sablan vowed to be the next Ace winner this month, but John Matsumoto was quoted as saying, "Not so fast Mr. Sablan, I may be 70 years old, but I still have what it takes to be Mr. October."

Hocog and John Guerrero declined to comment and plan on letting their game do the talking on the course.

The Ace of Aces winner will be

awarded a hefty cash prize in addition to overall bragging rights for the year. The winner also gets to have his/her name inscribed on the club's perpetual trophy, which he/she can keep until it is handed to next season's winner.

There are over 20 active Amigo members and new players are always welcome.

October's qualifying round is scheduled for tomorrow at Kingfisher and show time is set for 11am with a noon tee off.

For more information, contact John Guerrero at 287-6352, Joe Sablan Jr. at 322-1177 or Lorraine Babauta at 989-7732.



Jones



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Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu, center, is joined by other winners in the "King of Hill" 8-Ball Championship held last weekend at Poseidon's Bar and Grill.

## Espiritu rules 'King of Hill' 8-ball tilt



Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu topped the "King of Hill" 8-Ball Championship held last weekend at

Poseidon's Bar and Grill.

Espiritu prevailed over 19 other players and secured the championships after beating Nolan Cultura in the finals.

The eventual champion broke but fouled on his break in Game 1 of the finals. Cultura, with a ball in hand, behind the head string line had a strong start, running all six of his seven balls. He missed on his seventh shot before the 8-ball. Espiritu was back on the table, but muffed his first shot. Then Cultura could not close the first

game, as he also faltered on tough cut on the 8-ball, while Espiritu pocketed his remaining assigned balls to take the first win.

In Game 2, Nolan broke but Lady Luck was not on his side that evening, as Espiritu managed to secure the win by running the table and went home with a trophy from Pacific Amusement and Budweiser and gift packs from Budweiser, Docomo Pacific, and Micronesians Brokers, Inc. and \$120 cash.

Cultura also took home a trophy and gift packs, but settled for a \$30 cash prize, as he fell to Luis Fajardo in the battle for second place. Fajardo pocketed \$50, while Joseph Achas rounded

out the Top 4 and earned \$20 plus gift packs from the event sponsors.

Espiritu advanced to the finals after winning over Erwin Gomez, R.J. Mascarnas, and Robert Sanciangco in the elimination and downing Fajardo in the semis. Cultura, on the other hand, won over Juancho Mendoza, Rolly Villanueva, and Achas to earn the right to challenge Espiritu in the finals.

Meanwhile, an open 8-ball individual tournament will begin on Oct. 7 at Poseidon's Bar and Grill. Entrance fee is only \$10 and BCA rule will be applied with safety play. It will be a double elimination, single-game format competition. (Saipan Tribune)

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ing 22 points each. Kermit Concepcion and Chris Lansang chipped in 16 and 13, respectively, while Arthur Montes added 10 for QQ's balance scoring.

QQ controlled the game from the opening tip, taking a 29-21 advantage and pulled away in the second period.

Mangali hit back-to-back triples in the opening canto and he and Bondoc finished the first period with 10 points each. The duo continued to anchor QQ's offense in the second canto and their teammates also contributed in the second half en route to a 17-point victory.

### Blue Haus 70, Playboy 65

In the second make-up game, Blue

Haus kept its playoff hopes alive after downing Playboy.

Blue Haus improved to a 4-3 record and a win against MBI (4-3) last night would have advanced the former to the playoffs, joining the company of Brgy. San Antonio (7-1), Zhaila's All Starz (6-2), and defending champion KFC/Taco Bell.

Playboy dropped to a 4-4 record and is out of contention.

Blue Haus played steady in all four quarters, foiling Playboy's repeated comeback bids. Playboy threatened Blue Haus in the second period, moving within a deuce, 31-33, before Leo Itaas made 6 of his 8 points in the third to up the lead to 4, 55-51.

Joseph Galulu then took over from

Itaas in the fourth canto, nailing 8 of Blue Haus' last 12 points.

### First Game

**QQ Rent A Car 108**—Bondoc 22, Mangali 22, Concepcion 16, Lansang 13, Montes 10, Tuwon 4, Sison 3.

**Church 360 91**—Chavez 15, Basa 14, Buenabajo 14, Diaz 14, M. Puno 12, N. Puno 11, Buniag 8.

**Scoring by quarters:** 29-21, 60-44, 80-70, 108-91.

### Second Game

**Blue Haus 70**—Galulu 14, Capalad 13, Fernandez 11, Itaas 9, Camacho 7, Olivos 6, Siriban 2.

**Playboy 65**—Macahito 23, Isip 18, Mejia 10, Manangan 7, Gonzales 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-10, 33-31, 55-51, 70-65.



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## SIS White Geckos sweep v'ball opener

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Saipan International School's White Geckos got off to a strong start in the 2012-2013 Marianas Inter-scholastic Sports Organization Boys High School Volleyball League after grinding out a shut-out victory against the Mount Carmel School's Knights last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

SIS White seized the first set from MCS, 25-16, and though the Knights still had some fight left in for the second set, SIS White still earned the nod, 25-17, before completing the sweep with a 15-6 victory in the final set.



Saipan International School White Geckos' Tommy Choi, left, sneaks a tip shot over Mount Carmel School Knight's John Saludez during the opener in the MISO boys high school volleyball league last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



In other results, the MHS Blue Dolphins and the Grace Christian Academy Eagles also arose victorious in the opening day, while SIS' Green Geckos were awarded a win via forfeiture over the Kagman High School's Ayuyus. MHS Blue downed MHS Yellow in the opening set, 25-18, but the latter recovered in the second set, 25-21, to deny the former the outright win and force a deciding third set. However in the end, MHS Blue arose as the victor, taking the third set 15-12.

GCA posted an early lead against Saipan Southern High School for a 25-16 triumph in the first set and the Eagles went on to clinch the automatic win after a 25-14 win in the second set. Southern managed to avoid the shutout after capturing the third set, 15-13.

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The Orioles' first baseman Poland Masaharu, center, catches the Reds' Ian Rogolifoi in a run down during their game in the SML/DYS 18U Triple A Championship Youth Baseball League last Thursday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

## Orioles overcome Reds

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The Orioles outlasted the Reds, 5-1, during their game in the Saipan Major League Baseball Association/Division of Youth Services-18U Triple A Championship Youth Baseball League last Thursday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Orioles improved to a league-best 10-13 record, creating more distance against their closest pursuer, the Reds, who dropped to an 8-6 slate.

Reds' Kainoa Wanket snuck on to first base off a dropped third strike and managed to cross home off an error at second base in the opening frame, but they ran into a wall at the plate for the next four frames.

Wanket was also the Reds' starting pitcher and helped pre-

serve the margin for three innings before Keene Guerrero came in at the start of the fourth exchange. Wanket left the O's with man at second base at the start of the game and his teammates turned a nice double play in the second inning. He then bagged two strikeouts and denied the rival squad access past first base before his exit.

As for the Orioles, they settled down quickly on defense

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## QQ vs Freestyl for last playoff berth

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QQ Rent A Car forced a rubber match against Freestyl for the last playoff berth in Pool B of the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League after beating Church 360, 108-91, in a make-up game last Thursday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

QQ ended the regular season with a 5-3 record, tying Freestyl,

LD Prime, and Gualo Rai for the No. 2 to No. 4 spots in the team standings in Pool B. Gualo Rai went on to win the tiebreak and the second playoff seat, as it defeated all three squads, while LD Prime took the third spot with its 156 points (based on quotient system) and joined top finisher Anjie's Boys (7-1) in the next round. QQ and Freestyl earned 135 points apiece and were scheduled to square off for the last playoff ticket last night.

Mike Bondoc and Elgene Mangali led QQ's victory, scor-

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QQ Rent A Car's Mike Bondoc goes for an uncontested layup during their game against Church 360 in the DLX caging last Thursday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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The Oleai OI'Aces' Jeremy Alfred, right, is defended by LD Prime's Lawrence Espinosa during their U20 game in the Rotary caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## OI'Aces outlast LD Prime, 51-44

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The Oleai OI'Aces mustered a big fourth-quarter push to come away with a 51-44 victory over LD Prime during their U20 game in the 2012 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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